



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Mr. Matthew Suwala  
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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF IAEA INSPECTIONS

Dear Mr. Suwala:

As you are aware, the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, District of Columbia, have resulted in the nuclear facilities in the United States being placed in states of highest security. The U.S. Government and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have agreed that IAEA safeguards inspections in the United States will be suspended until the security situation stabilizes. The safeguards inspection scheduled for the BWXT Downblending Facility (material balance area UZOO) on September 24-26, 2001, has been canceled. We will inform you when IAEA inspections are restarted and provide you with the proposed dates of the next inspection.

We hope that you and your staff and members of your extended families were not affected by these tragic events.

Sincerely,

Cathy Haney, Chief  
Safety and Safeguards  
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cc: J. Stainback

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