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**SUBJECT: ACTION MATRIX SHIFT ON THE ROP PUBLIC WEBSITE FOR JOSEPH M.  
FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2**

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Effective July 1, 2012, the security cornerstone is integrated into the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) performance assessment program governed by IMC 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program." Thus security findings and performance indicators (PIs) are now inputs to one Action Matrix that includes all seven cornerstones of the ROP. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Farley Units 1 and 2 will be shown in the Regulatory Response Column of the ROP Action Matrix when the ROP public Web site is updated on August 6, 2012.

On April 16, 2012, the NRC issued a letter to Southern Nuclear Operating Company that characterized the final significance determination of one or more greater-than-green inspection findings in the security cornerstone. As detailed in Final Significance Determination for a Security-Related Greater-Than-Green Finding, Apparent Violation, and Notice of Violations 05000348/2011202 and 0500364/2011202 Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2, dated April 16, 2012, all of the security issues identified were immediately corrected or compensated for and placed in the licensee's Corrective Action Program, while long term corrective actions were being implemented. Because the NRC already identified these greater-than-green findings under the provisions of IMC 0320, "Operating Reactor Security Assessment Program," and is in the process of planning, performing, or completing the supplemental inspection commensurate with the safety significance of the findings, these greater-than-green findings do not represent new performance issues. However, future assessment of any new greater-than-green security findings or performance indicators could result in actual movement in the Action Matrix.

The ROP Web site will indicate security inputs (findings and PIs) that were determined to be of very low significance, i.e., green, and use blue to indicate greater-than-green (i.e. white, yellow, or red) security inputs. Not specifying the actual color of greater-than-green security inputs is consistent with current Commission policy. Similarly, specific information about all security performance deficiencies will remain non-publicly available, consistent with current Commission policy.

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Please contact Frank Ehrhardt at (404) 997-4611 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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