UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001



August 21, 2009

Mr. Mark Bezilla Site Vice President FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company Perry Nuclear Power Plant 10 Center Road, A-290 Perry, Ohio 44081

SUBJECT: RELAXING OF SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING REQUIREMENTS OF

ORDER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AND FINGERPRINTING FOR UNESCORTED ACCESS FOR THE PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE

INSTALLATION

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Raynard Wharton of my staff at 301-492-3316.

Sincerely,

Catherine Haney, Acting Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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