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Dear Mr. Smith:

### **LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES (LES) – MARKING OF SELECT JUNCTION BOXES**

As requested in your letter to Randall M. DeVault dated July 28, 2011, the Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed the LES waiver request for the lack of marking select junction boxes installed at the LES facility in Eunice, New Mexico.

The lack of junction box markings, as required by DOE's Telecommunications Security Manual, DOE M 205.1-3, were noted during the February 22-23, 2011, LES Annual TEMPEST Threat Assessment. The justifications for the LES request, personnel safety, possible damage to equipment, no obstructions from visual inspection, and clear marking of conduit connected to the junction boxes, is sufficient justification for granting an exception. As such, an exception to the Classified Distributive Information Network (CDIN) plan for the Plant Control System (PCS) network is granted for the six junction boxes identified in LES's letter dated July 8, 2011, LES-11-00096-NRC.

DOE is allowing this exception in lieu of a waiver since DOE M 205.1-3 does not permit waivers for TEMPEST related issues. This exception will be incorporated in the next revision to the LES PCS CDIN plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (865) 241-8277 or Roger Holt at (865) 576-9347.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. DeVault", is positioned above the typed name.

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