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EA 16-003

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President and CNO, Exelon Nuclear  
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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2  
TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION 2800/041, "10 CFR PART 37, PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF CATEGORY 1 AND CATEGORY 2 QUANTITIES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL AT FACILITIES WITH A 10 CFR PART 73 PHYSICAL PROTECTION PROGRAM"; INSPECTION REPORT AND EXERCISE OF ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION 05000456/2015407; 05000457/2015407

Dear Mr. Hanson:

On December 15, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, using Temporary Instruction 2800/041, "10 CFR Part 37, Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material at Facilities with a 10 CFR Part 73 Physical Protection Program." The enclosed inspection report documents the results of the inspection, which were discussed on December 15, 2015, with Mr. J. Basher and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to the implementation of 10 CFR Part 37, your compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and with the conditions of your operating licenses. Within these areas, the inspection involved examination of selected procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel.

One licensee-identified violation, which was determined to be of very-low significance (Severity Level IV), is documented in this report. This violation met the criteria specified in NRC Enforcement Guidance Memorandum 14-001, "Interim Guidance for Dispositioning 10 CFR Part 37 Violations with Respect to Large Components or Robust Structures Containing Category 1 or Category 2 Quantities of Material at Power Reactor Facilities Licensed under 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52." Therefore, I have been authorized, after consultation with the Director, Office of Enforcement, and the Regional Administrator, to exercise enforcement discretion for this violation and is not taking enforcement action for the noncompliance.

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Should you have any questions regarding this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss the issues with you.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth G. O'Brien, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457  
License Nos. NPF-72; NPF-77

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