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Melanie Ann Pustay, Director  
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Dear Ms. Pustay:

This letter is in response to your memorandum dated June 25, 2008, requiring certification of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Reading Room. The Attorney General's report to the President on agency progress under Executive Order 13,392, "Improving Agency Disclosure of Information," requires certification of the NRC's Reading Room. As the Chief FOIA Officer at the NRC, I certify that the NRC's FOIA Reading Room is in compliance with the FOIA. A review of the agency's FOIA Reading Room did not identify any deficiencies in complying with the statutory requirements for the establishment and maintenance of a FOIA Reading Room.

The NRC staff established and regularly updates the Electronic Reading Room in compliance with the FOIA, located on the NRC's web site at [www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html). In addition to the Electronic Reading Room, all publicly available official agency records are found in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is an information system that provides access to all image and text documents that the NRC has made public since November 1, 1999, as well as bibliographic records (some with abstracts and full text) that the NRC made public before November 1999. The NRC adds hundreds of new documents daily. ADAMS permits full-text searching and enables users to view document images, download files, and print locally. There are also links in the Electronic Reading Room to Basic References or Document Collections containing documents such as those frequently requested under FOIA, reports, news releases, meeting agendas and transcripts, agency regulations, policies, manuals, rulemaking documents, regulatory guides, and NRC orders.

In addition to its comprehensive Electronic Reading Room, the NRC maintains a conventional Public Document Room (PDR), which is open to the public and is located in the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The reference librarians of the PDR are available to help locate NRC publicly available documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren B. Ash".

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for Corporate Management  
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