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# INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT MANUAL

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## INSPECTION PROCEDURE 92717

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IE BULLETINS SENT FOR INFORMATION AND IE INFORMATION NOTICE FOLLOWUP R

PROGRAM APPLICABILITY: 2512, 2513, 2515

### 92717-01 INSPECTION OBJECTIVES

- 01.01 Ascertain whether IE bulletins sent to the licensee or construction permit holder for information were received and reviewed. (Followup of IE bulletins sent for action is addressed in Procedure 92703.)
- 01.02 Ascertain whether IE information notices sent to the licensee or construction permit holder were received and reviewed.

### 92717-02 INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 02.01 Ascertain, on an audit basis, whether the following procedural actions were taken by the licensee or construction permit holder for IE bulletins sent for information and for IE information notices:
  - a. The bulletins and information notices were received by the licensee or construction permit management.
  - b. A review for applicability was performed.
  - c. The bulletins and information notices are distributed to the appropriate personnel at the corporate and site levels.
  - d. For bulletins and information notices applicable to the facility, appropriate corrective actions have been taken or are scheduled to be taken.

### 92717-03 INSPECTION GUIDANCE

- 03.01 An IE bulletin transmits information to, requests action from and/or requests a written response from licensees and construction permit holders regarding matters of safety, safe guards, or environmental significance. IE bulletins are

sent for action to those licensees and construction permit holders for which they are directly applicable. (Followup of IE bulletins sent for action is addressed in Procedure 92703.) In addition, to ensure adequate dissemination of the safety concern, bulletins also may be sent to additional licensees and construction permit holders for information. Responsibilities, criteria, and guidance regarding the issuance of IE bulletins are delineated in IE Manual Chapter (MC) 0720 (formerly MC 1125).

- 03.02 The IE information notice was developed as a means for rapid dissemination of information to licensees and construction permit holders regarding an event or condition relevant to safety, safeguards, or protection of the environment that may have applicability to other licensees or construction permit holders. Responsibilities, criteria, and guidance regarding the issuance of IE information notices are delineated in MC 0720.
- 03.03 An IE bulletin sent for information or an IE information notice does not require a response from the licensee or construction permit holder. For these information documents sent to the licensee or construction permit holder, the inspector should verify that an adequate review was conducted by the licensee or construction permit holder to determine applicability to his facility. When a licensee or construction permit holder finds that the information is applicable to his facility, the inspector should review the actions taken or planned by the licensee or construction permit holder. These actions may be corrective or preventive in nature and may include such actions as informing the plant operating staff, conducting training, procedure revision, design review, safety evaluations or change to the facility. The actions should be reasonable and appropriate to the substance of the IE bulletin sent for information or the IE information notice. Because of the informational nature of these documents, a "no followup" action on the part of the licensee or construction permit holder may be acceptable to the NRC. If the licensee's or construction permit holder's action or inaction appears inappropriate, the matter should be pursued in accordance with the feedback process described in MC 2500.

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