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NRC, DOD SIGN AGREEMENT ON SERVICES
FOR PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has signed an agreement with the Department of Defense to provide mutual security services for the protection of classified information that is released to federal contractors, licensees and grant recipients.

The agreement is the first to be signed under the National Industrial Security Program. The Department of Energy and Central Intelligence Agency are expected to sign similar agreements with DOD at a later date.

Only a few NRC-licensed facilities have a need to possess and protect classified information. So-called Safeguards Information related to the physical security of licensed facilities is protected under a different legal requirement.

A January 1993 Executive Order established the program to serve as a single, integrated, cohesive industrial security approach for protecting classified information and preserving the country's economic and technological interests.

James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Emmett Paige, Jr., an Assistant Secretary of Defense, signed the agreement for their respective agencies.

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