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NRC AND DOE SIGN AGREEMENT ON SERVICES
FOR PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

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

The agreement is an important step in ensuring that classified information is protected in an effective and efficient manner at facilities where both NRC and DOE have responsibilities, such as the United States Enrichment Corporation's gaseous diffusion plants.

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

The agreement was signed under the National Industrial Security Program, established by a January 1993 Executive Order to serve as a single, integrated, cohesive industrial security approach for protecting classified information and preserving the country's economic and technological interests.

Raymond J. Brady, Director of Security, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Edward J. McCallum, Director, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy, signed the agreement for their respective agencies.

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