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Michael T. Lesar, Chief
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

Attached are 2 copies of Congressional letters prepared for the following Federal Register notice, "Changes to Nuclear Power Plant Security Requirements." The notice was forwarded on February 11, 1997, to the Office of the Secretary for signature and transmittal to the Federal Register for publication.

Attachments:
As stated

The Honorable Dan Schaefer, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 19, 1997

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for the information of the subcommittee is a copy of the proposed amendment to 10 CFR Part 73 to be published for public comment in the Federal Register.

The proposed amendment would delete certain security requirements associated with an internal threat. This action follows reconsideration by the NRC of nuclear power plant physical security requirements to identify those that are marginal to safety, redundant, or no longer effective. The effect of this action would be to reduce the regulatory burden on licensees without compromising physical protection against radiological sabotage required for public health and safety.

Sincerely,

Original signed by/

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
Federal Register Notice

cc: Representative Ralph Hall

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The Honorable James M. Inhofe, Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private
Property and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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