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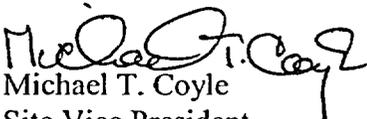
Subject: Regulatory Information Summary (RIS) 2002-15, "NRC Approval of Commercial Data Encryption Systems for the Electronic Transmission of Safeguards Information."

The purpose of this letter is to request approval to use the L3 Communications, Private1™ encryption system for unclassified safeguards telecommunications at Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS).

The Private1™ device is Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-1 certified (certificate number 108). In addition, L3 Communications is listed on the National Institute of Standards and Technology vendor list, as a vendor with a validated FIPS 140-1 and FIP 140-2 cryptographic module.

In accordance with 10 CFR 73.21(g), CNS will ensure written procedures are in place to delineate how the system will be used. The procedures will address access controls; where and when encrypted communications can be made; how encryption keys, codes, and passwords will be protected from compromise; actions to be taken if the encryption keys, codes, or passwords are, or are suspected to have been, compromised; and how the identity and access authorization of the recipient will be verified.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Paul Fleming, Licensing Manager, at 402-825-2774.

  
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