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NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 99-16: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S NUCLEAR SITE SECURITY PROGRAM

Addressees:

All U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) fuel cycle, power reactor, and non-power reactor licensees.

Purpose:

NRC is issuing this information notice to advise addressees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Nuclear Site Security Program. This program is one of a number of ongoing counter-terrorism initiatives being undertaken by the FBI. It is expected that recipients will consider this information and anticipate liaison activities with FBI Field Offices in support of the program. Information contained in this notice is not an NRC requirement and no specific action or written response is required. However, NRC supports the FBI's Nuclear Site Security Program and anticipates that addressees will work with the FBI for the purposes of contingency planning as noted in 10 CFR 50.34(d) and in Appendix C of Part 73.

Description of Circumstances:

On December 21, 1998, FBI Headquarters provided FBI field offices with guidance for the development of site-specific "Nuclear Site Contingency Plans." This guidance was provided as part of the FBI's Nuclear Site Security Program, which requires increased liaison with approximately 96 nuclear sites in the United States that are under the responsibility of the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, or are licensed by NRC. Of the 56 FBI field offices, 44 have some sort of nuclear facility, including NRC-licensed commercial nuclear facilities, within their jurisdictions. This program focuses on: 1) development of FBI nuclear site contingency plans; 2) sharing these plans with site security personnel, as well as local law enforcement and other first responders, to ensure integrated and coordinated responses to criminal or terrorist attacks or malevolent incidents directed at nuclear facilities; and 3) testing response procedures through joint training, exercises, liaison, and facility familiarization. The Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Coordinator within each FBI field office has been designated as the point of contact for this initiative. FBI Headquarters staff has emphasized that: 1) the Nuclear Site Security Program is for planning purposes and is neither an audit nor review of the adequacy of licensee security; and 2) the FBI field offices would welcome the opportunity to observe or participate in, as appropriate, licensee exercises, particularly security exercises and drills.

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99-11	Incident Involving the Use of Radioactive Iodine-131	4/16/99	All medical use licensees
99-09	Problems Encountered When Manually EditingTreatment Data on the Nucletron Microselectron-HDR (New) Model 105-999	3/24/99	All medical licensees authorized to conduct high-dose-rate (HDR) remote after loading brachytherapy treatments
99-06	1998 Enforcement Sanctions as a Result of Deliberate Violations of	3/19/99	All U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees
99-05	Inadvertent Discharge of Carbon Dioxide Fire Protection System and Gas Migration	3/8/99	All holders of licenses for nuclear power, research, and test reactor, and fuel cycle facilities
99-04	Unplanned Radiation Exposures to Radiographers, Resulting from failures to follow Proper Radiation Safety Procedures	3/8/99	All radiography licensees
99-03	Exothermic Reactions Involving Dried Uranium Oxide Powder (Yellowcake)	1/29/99	All operating uranium recovery facilities that produce oxide powder (U_3O_8) (yellowcake)
99-02	Guidance to Users on the Implementation of a New Single-Source Dose-Calculation Formalism and Revised Air-Kerma Strength Standard for Iodine-125 Sealed Sources	1/21/99	All medical licensees authorized to conduct brachytherapy treatments
99-01	Deterioration of High-Efficiency Particulate Air Filters in a Pressurized Water Reactor Containment Fan Cooler Unit	1/20/99	All holders of licences for nuclear power, research and test reactors; and fuel cycle facilities

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99-14	Unanticipated Reactor Water Draindown at Quad Cities Unit 2, Arkansas Nuclear One Unit 2 and Fitzpatrick	5/5/99	All holders of licenses for nuclear power, test, and research reactors
99-13	Insights from NRR Inspections of Low-and Medium-Voltage Circuit Breaker Maintenance Programs	4/29/99	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors
99-12	Year 2000 Computer Systems Readiness Audits	4/28/99	All holders of operating licenses or construction permits for nuclear power plants
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97-15, Sup 1	Reporting of Errors and Changes in Large-Break/Small-Break Loss-of-Coolant Evaluation Models of Fuel Vendors and Compliance with 10 CFR 50.46(a)(3)	4/16/99	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently cease operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor
99-10	Degradation of Prestressing Tendon Systems in Prestressed Concrete Containments	4/13/99	All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors

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