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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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**NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 98-35: THREAT ASSESSMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF  
HEIGHTENED PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES**

Addressees

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

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this Information Notice to inform addressees of factors considered by the NRC when assessing threats and disseminating that information to its licensees. This Information Notice advises addressees of the NRC's suggestion of what additional physical protection measures should be considered for the threat conditions described below. It is expected that recipients will review the information for applicability to their facilities. The information provided herein is not an NRC requirement and, therefore, no written response is required from addressees.

Description of Circumstances

The NRC issues threat advisories to licensees to notify them of specific changes in the threat environment which may prompt consideration when temporary upgrades to a licensee's site physical protection posture may be advisable. Threat advisories issued by the NRC are unclassified and, therefore, use general language which could be subject to various interpretations and result in a corresponding variety of physical protection responses from licensees. To avoid misunderstanding of future NRC threat advisories and to facilitate an appropriate and comparable level of physical protection response throughout the nuclear industry, the following discussion of threat levels and appropriate response levels is provided.

Discussion

The NRC routinely reviews a variety of classified threat-related information and works closely with other Federal agencies, including the Intelligence Community, concerned with counter-terrorism. In addition, the NRC participates in two threat alert and advisory systems maintained by the Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In a very limited number of circumstances, the NRC has concluded that a threat advisory is necessary and some additional temporary physical protection measures may be prudent.

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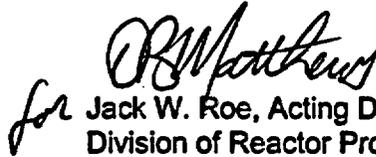
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