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TO ALL LICENSEES AND APPLICANTS FOR OPERATING POWER REACTORS
 AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR POWER REACTORS

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR 73.40(d) AND
 STANDARD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PERFORMING AUDITS OF
 SAFEGUARDS CONTINGENCY PLANS (SECURITY PLAN)
 (Generic Letter No. 82-23)

Section 73.40(d) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires
 that each nuclear power reactor licensee provide for an independent review
 of its safeguards contingency plan at least every 12 months.

It has come to our attention that the Standard Technical Specifications in
 use by a number of licensees and some existing plant-specific Technical Speci-
 fications require that this independent audit be carried out every 24 months.

All licensees are required to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 73.40(d), not-
 withstanding any provision that may have been in their Technical Specifications
 prior to the issuance of 10 CFR 73.40(d) or that have been added since its
 issuance.

Accordingly, you are requested to assure that your provisions for carrying
 out an independent audit of your safeguards contingency plan is in accordance
 with 10 CFR 73.40(d). If your Technical Specifications contain a provision
 that is less frequent than the regulations, you should request the staff to
 modify your technical specifications to conform to the rule.

Because this Technical Specification is clarifying and made at the request
 of the Commission, you are not required to remit a license fee for the change.

This request has been approved by OMB Clearance Number 3150-00 ., which expires
 May 31, 1983.

Sincerely,

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
 Division of Licensing

Attachment: See Jacket

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