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While we are fully committed to our goal of increasing public confidence through communicating with the public, a balance must be maintained in order to achieve that goal while ensuring the safety and security of our country.

Given the events of September 11, we have become acutely sensitized to the need to protect from disclosure sensitive security or safeguards information which could reveal significant details about potential vulnerabilities at licensed facilities.

In light of the potential for harm, the NRC has tasked a number of staff with identifying publicly available information that may now be considered sensitive in the wake of the September 11 tragedy. We have begun reviewing the external Web site for documents or information that may present a concern from a safeguards or security standpoint. This is an intensive effort and could take several weeks. If you know of any document currently posted to the external Web site that you believe could be of concern, please contact Mindy Landau (MSL), (301) 415-8703, promptly.

Employees are reminded that, in accordance with Management Directive3.4, the release of safeguards information to members of the public is prohibited. In addition, scenarios used to protect nuclear facilities, weapons, guard forces, alarm stations or any similar information that may reveal vulnerabilities in physical security should not be discussed or shared. **Ensuring the integrity of sensitive security or safeguards information is every NRC employee's responsibility.** Violations of these requirements could result in sanctions.

You are encouraged to refer public or media inquiries to the Office of Public Affairs, (301) 415-8200, to ensure all information being released by the agency is consistent and reliable.

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