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REVISED: NRC MODIFIES AVAILABILITY OF SECURITY INFORMATION FOR ALL NUCLEAR PLANTS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that certain security information formerly included in the Reactor Oversight Process will no longer be publicly available, and will no longer be updated on the agency's Web site.

"The Commission has a responsibility for public health and safety, and that responsibility is evaluated in considering which information should be made public," said NRC Chairman Nils Diaz. "We deliberated for many months on finding the balance between the NRC's commitment to openness and the concern that sensitive information might be misused by those who wish us harm."

The NRC will continue to inspect and assess physical security of nuclear facilities, but the results will no longer be made publicly available upon issuance. If the Commission receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for security-related information, including associated enforcement information, the Commission will carefully review the records under the FOIA legal standards and would expect to apply appropriate FOIA exemptions to withhold any information the release of which could harm public health and safety or the common defense and security or could assist in the circumvention of law. The NRC will continue to provide pertinent information to state officials, local law enforcement agencies and other federal agencies.

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