

August 11, 2006

EA-06-190

William Vernetson, Ph.D.  
Director of Nuclear Facilities  
University of Florida  
202 Nuclear Science Building  
Gainesville, Florida 32611-8300

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ORDER IMPOSING FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL  
HISTORY CHECK REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS TO SAFEGUARDS  
INFORMATION

Dear Dr. Vernetson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has issued the enclosed Order (Enclosure 1) imposing additional requirements on access to certain Safeguards Information (SGI). On August 8, 2005, the President signed into law the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct). The EPAAct amended the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) of 1954 to require fingerprinting and a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) identification and criminal history records check of any person permitted access to new SGI as described in the attached Order.

The NRC has taken this action because it will provide new SGI to you to ensure adequate protection of your facility and associated special nuclear material. Under Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Commission has authority to "issue such orders, as necessary to prohibit the unauthorized disclosure of safeguards information...." The Order directs you not to share new SGI as described in the attached Order with any recipient unless that person has a need to know the SGI, has been fingerprinted and undergone a FBI identification and criminal history records check, the fingerprint check has been favorably decided, and has satisfied all other applicable requirements for access to SGI. Fingerprinting and the FBI identification and criminal history records check are not required, however, for any person who is relieved from that requirement by 10 CFR § 73.59 or has an active federal security clearance. Individuals who currently have access to existing SGI may continue to have access to all SGI except the new SGI without undergoing fingerprinting. This Order is effective immediately and imposes requirements in addition to other applicable requirements for access to SGI.

It is the staff's understanding that to ensure adequate protection of your facility and associated special nuclear material, you may need to share this SGI with individuals that meet the above criteria. The Order also directs you to provide a copy of this Order to such individuals. By doing so you are informing these individuals that this Order also applies to them. Unauthorized disclosure of SGI may result in civil or criminal penalties.

W. Vernetson

- 2 -

Please contact Mr. Marvin Mendonca, at 301-415-1128 to facilitate resolution of any issues related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Order, or if you have any other questions on this matter.

A copy of the enclosed Order has also been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

J. E. Dyer, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: As stated

cc: See next page

University of Florida

Docket No. 50-083

cc:

Dr. Ali Haghghat, Chairman  
Nuclear and Radiological Engineering  
Department  
University of Florida  
202 Nuclear Sciences Center  
Gainesville, FL 32611

Administrator  
Department of Environmental Regulation  
Power Plant Siting Section  
State of Florida  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

State Planning and Development  
Clearinghouse  
Office of Planning and Budgeting  
Executive Office of the Governor  
The Capitol Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

William Passetti, Chief  
Bureau of Radiation Control  
Department of Health  
4052 Bald Cypress Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1741

W. Vernetson

- 2 -

Please contact Mr. Marvin Mendonca, at 301-415-1128 to facilitate resolution of any issues related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Order, or if you have any other questions on this matter.

A copy of the enclosed Order has also been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

J. E. Dyer, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: As stated

DISTRIBUTION:

NSIR r/f	HHarrington	JGoldberg	MBurrell
NRR r/f	JSchleuter	TCombs	AGiantelli
PUBLIC	DPR/PRT r/f	WSchuster	BThomas
MMendonca	AAdams	Mvoth	GHolahan
EHylton	CBassett	PYoung	JLubinski
DHughes	KWitt	Plsaac	GHill (2)
PDoyle	WKennedy	RidsNsirDso	RidsNrrDpr
RidsNrrDprPrta	MShaffer	GTracy	HNieh
DSolorio	RidsNrrOd	RidsNrrAdra	RidsNrrDpr
RidsNrrDprPrtb	RidsOgcRp	RidsAcrcAcnwMailCenter	RidsSecyMailCenter

**ADAMS ACCESSION NUMBERS:**

**Package: ML062060622, Letter: ML062060620, Enclosure: ML062060621, Attachment: ML062070338**

OFFICE	MTWSB	(A) BC:MTWSB	NRR	BC: DPR/PRTA	DD:NSIR/DSP	D:DSP
NAME	AGiantelli*	JCruz*	MMendonca*	BThomas*	MShaffer*	GTracy-MRS for *
DATE	07/21/2006	07/25/2006	08/3/2006	08/4/2006	07/26/2006	08/02/2006
OFFICE	(A)D:NRR/DPR	OGC	OE	D:NSIR		D:NRR
NAME	HNieh*	JGoldberg*	DSolorio*	RZimmerman-BBorchardt for*		JEDyer-BAB for:tls*
DATE	08/10/2006	08/2/2006	08/03/2006	08/03/2006		08/11/2006

**OFFICIAL RECORD COPY**