

October 4, 2006

EA-06-241 and EA-06-242

To: Materials Licensees Identified in Attachment 1
to Order EA-06-241 and All Other Persons Who
Seek or Obtain Access to Safeguards Information
Described Herein

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ORDERS IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTING
CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION, AND IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS
FOR FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK REQUIREMENTS
FOR ACCESS TO SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has issued the enclosed Orders (Enclosures 1 and 3 with attachments) requiring you to implement specific requirements to ensure proper handling and protection of Safeguards Information (SGI), to avoid unauthorized disclosure. Orders contain requirements that licensees or certificate holders must implement. You must respond to these Orders by filing a written answer, under oath or affirmation, consenting to the Orders, or providing the reasons why you believe the Orders should not have been issued.

NRC issued Orders to both NRC and Agreement State Licensees or certificate holders under its authority to protect the common defense and security, which has not been relinquished to the Agreement States. 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...." Unauthorized disclosure of SGI may result in civil and criminal penalties. Enclosure 1 to this letter directs you to protect this kind of information from unauthorized disclosure, in accordance with "Modified Handling Requirements for Protection of Certain Safeguards Information (SGI-M)" (Attachment 2 to Enclosure 1). Also provided is the "Designation Guide for Safeguards Information" (Enclosure 2), a guidance document to help you determine what information needs to be protected as SGI.

NRC has been notified or has determined that you will need to implement additional security measures (ASMs) or compensatory measures (CMs) in the near future. The ASMs or CMs contain SGI and should be protected in accordance with the enclosed Orders. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 imposed new requirements for access to SGI, which require individuals to go through a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) identification and criminal records history check, based on fingerprints, before anyone is given access, by anyone, to SGI. To implement the fingerprinting requirements (Enclosure 3 with attachments, and Enclosure 4), the Licensee must designate an individual who will review the results of the FBI criminal history check, in conjunction with a trustworthy and reliability determination (Attachment 3 to Enclosure 1), before making SGI access determinations for others. This individual, referred to hereafter as the "reviewing official," must be someone who seeks access to SGI. Based on this individual's fingerprints and FBI criminal history check, the NRC staff will determine whether this individual may have access to SGI. If NRC determines that the individual may not be granted access to

SGL, Order EA-06-242 (Enclosure 3) prohibits that individual from obtaining access to any SGL. If the initial reviewing official is not approved by NRC to have access to SGL, the Licensee may appeal this decision by following the procedures in Enclosure 5 to this letter, or the Licensee may nominate a different individual to be the reviewing official. The rights of the individual nominated to be the reviewing official are also described in Enclosure 5 to this letter. Once a reviewing official is approved by NRC, the reviewing official and only the reviewing official can make SGL access determinations for other Licensee employees who have a need-to-know the information, have been determined to be trustworthy and reliable, and have been fingerprinted and criminal history checked. The reviewing official can only make SGL access determinations for other individuals but cannot approve other individuals to act as reviewing officials. Only NRC can approve a reviewing official; therefore, if a Licensee wished to have a new or additional reviewing official, NRC must approve that individual before he/she can act as a reviewing official.

The enclosed Orders are effective immediately. These requirements will remain in effect until the Commission determines otherwise.

Licensees are required to submit fingerprints in accordance with Order EA-06-242 (Enclosure 3). The current processing fee is \$27.00 per submission and payment must accompany the request.

The enclosed Orders require that all Licensees respond within twenty (20) days of the date of the Orders and implement the requirements before providing access to SGL to any individual. Please contact Ernesto Quiñones, (301) 415-0271, eqp@nrc.gov, or Nima Ashkeboussi, (301) 415-7637, naa@nrc.gov, to facilitate resolution of any issues or questions related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Orders.

Licensee responses to the Orders (not fingerprint cards) are required to be submitted to the Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, and should be addressed to the attention of Ernesto Quiñones, Mail Stop T8F3. The following mailing addresses should be used:

For normal postal delivery, mail to:

Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management
Programs
U.S. NRC
Washington, D.C., 20555-0001
Attn: Ernesto Quiñones, Mail Stop T8F3

For delivery services requiring a street address, mail to:

Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management
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Two White Flint North
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738
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The enclosed Orders have been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Charles L. Miller, Director
Office of Federal and State Materials
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Enclosures:

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2. Designation Guide for Safeguards Information
3. Order Imposing Fingerprinting and Criminal History Records Check Requirements for Access to Safeguards Information
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