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It is the staff's determination that an annual table summarizing projected spent fuel shipments, containing data such as material, origin, pass thru states, destination, etc., would not be considered Safeguards Information (SGI). However, dissemination of the information would be protected as "Official Use Only – Security Related Information" by the NRC and would be released on a need-to-know basis. Information would be considered SGI if it were related to a specific shipment or shipping campaign (i.e. date, time, or location).

Since DOE has its own internal policies and procedures for identifying sensitive information and determining what information should or should not be included in the shipment information, the NRC can only speak to what classifications of information are deemed necessary within its own policy and regulations. Therefore, DOE would make the final determination on the marking and protection of such information.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert Caldwell of my staff at (301) 415-1243.

Sincerely,

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