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**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2008-20
REDESIGNATION OF SAFEGUARDS ADVISORY
FOR OPERATING POWER REACTORS (SA-05-02)**

ADDRESSEES

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

INTENT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this regulatory issue summary (RIS) to announce that the Safeguards Advisory for Operating Power Reactors (SA-05-02), dated January 26, 2005, no longer merits protection as safeguards information (SGI). The new designation for SA-05-02 is official use only—security-related information (OUO-SRI).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SA-05-02 identified a potential licensee vulnerability that could be exploited by an adversary. The NRC issued the advisory, background information, and a threat procedure template as guidance for licensees to implement specific procedures that mitigate the consequences associated with the vulnerability. Licensees have since implemented those procedures.

Based on the licensees implementing the procedures and lowering the level of the vulnerability, the NRC redesignated SA-05-02 from SGI to OUI-SRI.

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

On February 7, 2008, under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 73.21(i), "Removal from Safeguards Information Category," and NRC Management Directive 12.6, "NRC Sensitive Unclassified Information Security Program," page 18, Section 13 (b)(ii), the Director of the Division of Security Policy removed SA-05-02 from the SGI category.

BACKFIT DISCUSSION

This RIS requires no action or written response and is, therefore, not a backfit under 10 CFR 50.109, "Backfitting." Consequently, the staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION

A notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS was not published in the *Federal Register* because this RIS is informational.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

The NRC has determined that this RIS is not a major rule as designated by the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C §§ 801-808) and therefore is not subject to the Act.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This RIS does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). Existing requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); approval number 3150-0002.

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CONTACT

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