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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE PRE-APPLICATION PRESIDING OFFICER

In the Matter of	)	
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	)	Docket No. PAPO-00
	)	
(High-Level Waste Repository)	)	

NRC STAFF'S NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF FINAL RULE
REGARDING PROTECTION OF SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

The NRC staff ("Staff") hereby notifies the Pre-Application Presiding Officer (PAPO) Board and the potential parties that the Final Rule regarding protection of safeguards information (SGI) was published in the *Federal Register* on October 24, 2008. 73 Fed. Reg. 63546 (Oct. 24, 2008). The rule amends 10 CFR parts 2, 30, 40, 50, 52, 60, 63, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, and 150 governing the handling of SGI and addresses access to SGI, including the requirement for a fingerprint check, background check, and determination of trustworthiness and reliability prior to access; types of security information to be protected; and handling and storage requirements for SGI. The effective date of the rule is February 23, 2009.

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