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This memorandum provides interim guidance to the Regions revising the current requirement to transmit updated security inspection plans to licensees via separate non-public correspondence. Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0305, "Operating Reactor Assessment Program," states that the security inspection plans, Reactor Program System (RPS) Report 24, shall be sent to the licensee via separate non-publicly available correspondence, to be transmitted to licensees on or about the same time as the annual assessment letter.

The Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response recently determined that the security inspection plans do not contain sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information. Therefore, the security inspection plans may be publicly available. For the 2017 annual assessment, the staff is not required to issue a separate correspondence to transmit the updated security inspection plans. Updated security inspection plans can be incorporated into the publicly available RPS Report 22 that is attached to each annual assessment letter. IMC 0305 will be revised to reflect this new guidance in 2018.

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