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FROM: Lee V. Gossick  
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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE ON NRC SAFEGUARDS POLICY

The "FY 78 Annual Report to Congress on Domestic Safeguards" makes it clear that the various NRC offices with safeguards responsibilities have different approaches to safeguards regulation. In particular, the definitions of and ways of determining safeguards adequacy are different for fuel cycle facilities, transportation, power reactors, and non-power reactors.

Effective immediately, I am establishing a "Task Force on Safeguards Policy" to develop a single integrated approach to NRC safeguards regulation. It is not necessary that the regulatory approaches for the various licensed activities be identical; however, they must be consistent. The Task Force should develop recommendations for the Commission which would achieve consistent policy in the following areas:

1. Definition of safeguards adequacy,
2. Methods used to determine safeguards adequacy,
3. Meaning and use of terms such as "reasonable" versus "high" assurance,
4. Levels of design threats against which safeguards must protect, and
5. Need for additional or revised rules.

You should appoint the senior safeguards staff member in each of your offices as a member of this Task Force and provide whatever additional staff support is necessary. I am assigning lead responsibility for the Task Force to NMSS. The product of this effort will be a report jointly prepared by the Task Force members and concurred in by each of your offices. I would like to receive the report by February 28, 1979. Please provide me a briefing on the progress of the Task Force deliberations by February 12.

(Signed) Lee V. Gossick

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