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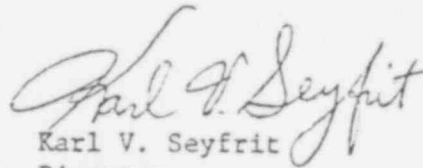
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Gentlemen:

This IE Information Notice is provided as an early notification of a possibly significant matter. It is expected that recipients will review the information for possible applicability to their facilities. No specific action or response is requested at this time. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Director of the appropriate NRC Regional Office.

  
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SKYLAB REENTRY

Description of Circumstances:

The most recent dates for reentry of Skylab are July 10 to 14, 1979, with July 12, as the most probable date. Recognizing that a hit on a nuclear reactor would be highly unlikely by Skylab debris, the NRC believes it would be prudent for licensees to review their contingency plans in case such an event should actually occur.

The NRC is in communication with the Department of Energy (DOE), and will receive notification from them as soon as the reentry corridor can be established. This notification may occur within 1 to 2 hours before reentry actually occurs. If it is determined that there are any licensed nuclear power plants in the reentry corridor, the plants will receive notification from their respective Regional Office via the dedicated phone line.

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No written response to this information notice is required.

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LISTING OF IE INFORMATION NOTICES  
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Information Notice No.	Subject	Date Issued	Issued To
79-01	Bergen-Paterson Hydraulic Shock and Sway Arrestor	2/2/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or a Construc- tion Permit (CP)
79-02	Attempted Extortion - Low Enriched Uranium	2/2/79	All Fuel Facilities
79-03	Limiter Valve Geared Limit Switch Lubricant	2/9/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or a Construc- tion Permit (CP)
79-04	Degradation of Engineered Safety Features	2/16/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or a Construc- tion Permit (CP)
79-05	Use of Improper Materials In Safety-Related Components	3/21/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or a Construc- tion Permit (CP)
79-06	Stress Analysis of Safety-Related Piping	3/23/79	All Holders of an Reactor Operating License (OL) or a Construction Permit (CP)
79-07	Rupture of Radwaste Tanks	3/26/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or a Construc- tion Permit (CP)

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79-08	Interconnection of Contaminated Systems with Service Air Systems Used As the Source of Breathing Air	3/28/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) and Pu Processing fuel facilities
79-09	Spill of Radioactively Contaminated Resin	3/30/79	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL)
79-10	Nonconforming Pipe Support Struts	4/16/79	All power reactor facilities with a Construction Permit (CP)
79-11	Lower Reactor Vessel Head Insulation Support Problem	5/7/79	All Holders of Reactor Operating Licenses (OLs) Construction Permits (CPs)
79-12	Attempted Damage to New Fuel Assemblies	5/11/79	All fuel facilities, research reactors, and power reactors with an Operating License (OL) or a Construction Permit (CP)
79-13	Indication of Low Water Level in the Oyster Creek Reactor	5/29/79	All Holders of Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)
79-14	NRC Position of Electrical Cable Support Systems	6/11/79	All Power Reactor facilities with a Construction Permit (CP) and applicants
79-15	Deficient Procedures	6/7/79	All Holders of Reactor Operating Licenses (OLs) and Construction Permits (CPs)
79-16	Nuclear Incident at Three Mile Island	6/22/79	All Research Reactors and Test Reactors with Operating Licenses (OLs)
79-17	Source Holder Assembly Damage From Misfit Between Assembly and Reactor Upper Grid Plate	6/20/79	All Holders of Reactor Operating Licenses (OLs) and Construction Permits (CPs)