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UNITED STATES
CLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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TO ALL POWER REACTOR LICENSEES
AND ALL APPLICANTS WITH APPLICATIONS
FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE A POWER REACTOR

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Gentlemen:

RE: AMENDMENT TO 10 CFR 73.55

This letter is being sent to all licensees authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor and to all applicants with applications for a license to operate a power reactor to advise you that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (Vol. 42, No. 189, September 29, 1977) an effective amendment to its regulation 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Industrial Sabotage." A copy of the FEDERAL REGISTER notice is enclosed. The amendment delays implementation of the physical search requirement of paragraph (d)(1) for regular employees of a licensee at the site at which the licensee is authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor until August 24, 1978 unless the Commission directs otherwise prior to that date.

In keeping with the above, the NRR staff position as to acceptable methods of implementing the attached effective rule has been changed. Guidance (dated September 30, 1977) for complying with the performance requirement of paragraph (d)(1) for searching of all individuals entering the protected area is enclosed. For any further information on the implementation of the search requirement, please contact James R. Miller, Assistant Director for Reactor Safeguards at 301-492-7014.

Sincerely,

Edson G. Case, Acting Director
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Enclosures:

1. Effective Rule
2. Position on Personnel Search Requirements

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