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SAFEGUARDS ANALYSIS FOR BYPRODUCT MATERIALS  
AND SMALL QUANTITIES OF SNM

Health and Safety Research Division  
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OBJECTIVE:

The principal objective of this analysis is to examine the question of whether the risk and consequences of theft or sabotage of facilities or vehicles containing small quantities of special nuclear materials (SNM), and byproduct materials are such that licensees should be required to adopt further measures to safeguard them. Phase 1 of this study was an initial screening of these materials. From this screening, candidates for further consideration were identified. In the course of Phase 2, a detailed examination will be made of the conditions of possession, use, and shipment of the materials identified in Phase 1. The characterization of the conditions of possession, use, or shipment will identify any current conditions of the referenced materials that contribute significantly to either the protection from or vulnerability to potential attempts at theft, diversion, or sabotage.

TECHNICAL PROGRESS:

Subtask 1.a(1) Description of various possible delivery methods. This subtask has been completed.

Subtask 1.a(2) Description of adversary capabilities and resources. Work on this subtask is scheduled to start in November 1980.

Subtask 1.a(3) Analysis and description of the material conditions and processing operations necessary. This subtask has been completed. Typing and review at ORNL of formal documentation on this topic is nearing completion.

Subtask 1.a(4) Analysis and description of the impact of meteorology. This subtask has been completed.

Subtask 1.b Perform a literature review of the acceptable/unacceptable threshold level of consequences. This subtask has been completed. Related to this subtask is a current analysis of lifetime excess of cancer mortality from low levels of gamma radiation.

Subtask 1.c. Project status reports, monthly, interim and final. This series of reports is up-to-date.

Subtask 2.a. Update the material screening list of Phase 1 using the results of Task 1. This subtask is complete with ORNL review of formal documentation nearing completion.

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Subtask 2.b. Develop a plan to obtain the necessary information for characterizing the conditions of possession and shipment of potentially hazardous radionuclides. This subtask has been completed, and is partially described in a summary report (now in draft form) covering subtasks 2.b. and 2.c.

Subtask 2.c. Upon NRC approval or modification of the plan developed in subtask 2.b., gather the needed data from the docket files. D. L. Anderson and M. L. Randolph made another visit to the NRC Docket Files in June, primarily to examine a sampling of Inspection and Enforcement Priority 2 files. On the basis of potential availability (i.e., license limit) alone, more radionuclides that should be considered closely for possible safeguarding are identified by the docket file study than have previously been considered using transportation data alone. A summary report covering the docket file survey is now in draft form.

Subtask 2.d. Prepare a list of industry contacts for formal survey and specify information to be collected. Discussion on this topic has been started with NRC Project Officer, G. H. Gardes.

Subtask 2.e. Upon NRC approval of contacts, obtain the information indicated in subtask 2.d. This subtask can proceed only on completion of subtask 2.d.

Subtask 2.f. Analyze results of information gathering effort and produce an updated list of hazardous radionuclides. A draft report on the Docket File study (subtask 2.c.) has been prepared, which identifies, on the basis of potential (licensed) availability, radionuclides not previously included in our hazard analyses.

Subtasks 2.g. and 2.h. These subtasks are not scheduled to start until later.

Subtasks 3.a. and 3.b. These subtasks are not scheduled to start until later.

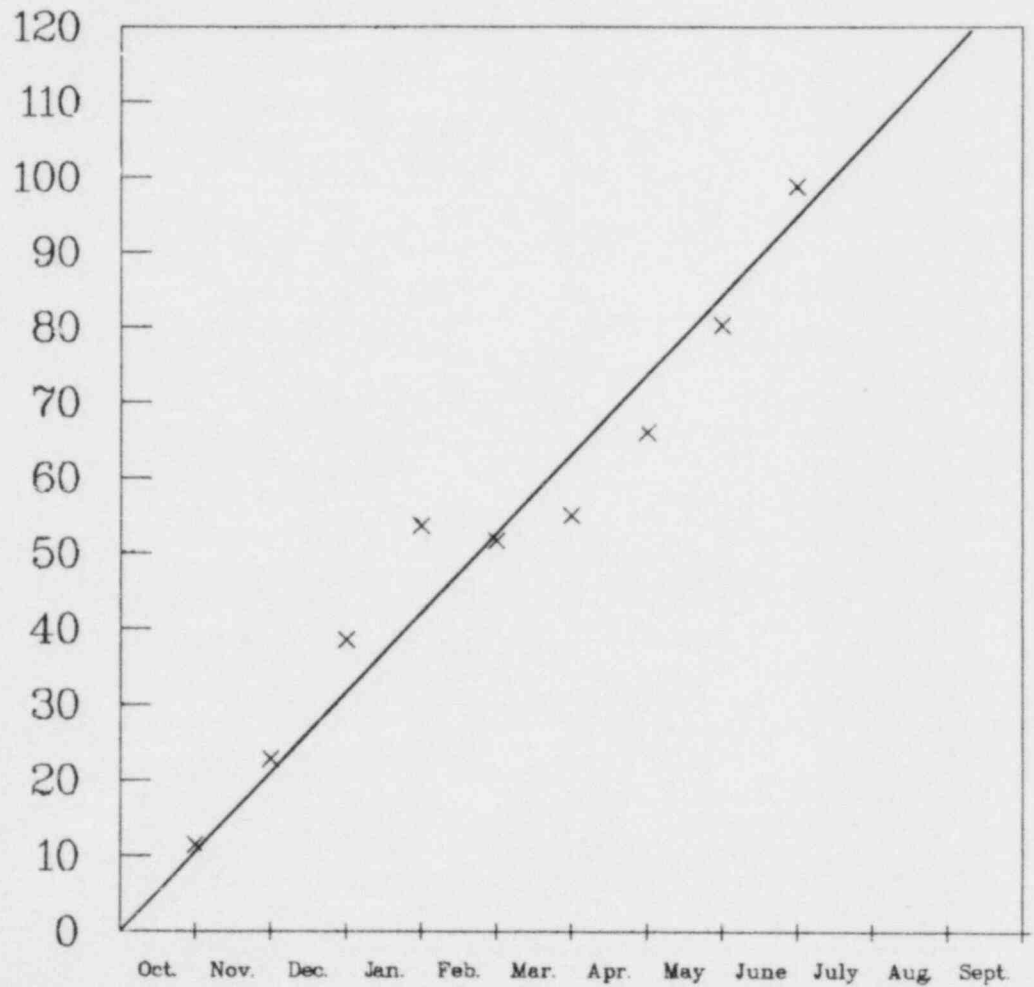
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<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Project Costs, \$</u>	<u>Technical Support, Man-months</u>
June 1980	18,627	2.0
Total to Date	98,942	11.7
Estimated Cost to Completion	27,684	6.8

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES FY 1980 (\$1,000)

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Monthly Projected:	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
Monthly Actual:	11	11	16	15	-2*	3	11	14	19			

Total Expenditures\*\*  
(thousands of dollars)



1979

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Months FY 1980

\*Inadvertent overcharges were corrected with a credit in February.

\*\*Solid line represents projected costs; x marks represent actual costs.

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