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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RULE "PROTECTION OF UNCLASSIFIED SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION"

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the request for comments published in the Federal Register on December 27, 1980 (45 FR 85459).

The Commission's proposed rule incorporates aspects of merit for protecting safeguards information. A uniform policy may be an advantage to licensees and the Commission in certain areas.

There is one area to which your further attention is called:

Proposed paragraph 73.21(d)(2) states in part, "while unattended or not in actual use, Safeguards Information shall be stored in a locked security storage container within a locked room or building." The phrase used above, "[n]ot in actual use ..." should be modified or defined such that Safeguards Information that is used for initiating action or is used for quick reference at random times may be left outside of locked security storage containers as long as the Security Information is in an occupied area or room within a protected or controlled access area. Examples of Safety Information of this category are:

Safeguards contingency plan
Written orders and procedures for guards
Response plans to specify threats

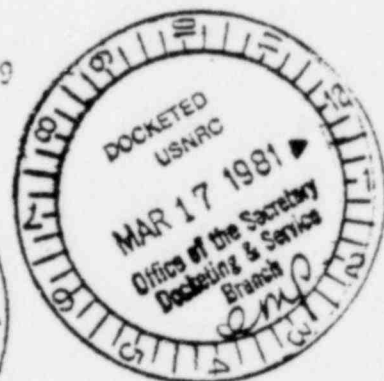
Respectfully,

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