

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

MEMORANDUM FOR: Reactor Safeguard: Licensing Branch

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

SABOTAGE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT - REVIEW GUIDELINE

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The licensee is responsible for the safe operation of his nuclear power plant and therefore is obligated to employ effectively all resources within his control to protect the public health and safety under all circumstances, including a sabotage incident.

The security plans and procedures implementing the security plans prescribe the means to provide protection with high assurance against successful industrial sabotage by two design level threats (§73.55 (a)(1)(2)). The protection thus afforded is not limited to the design level threats, but will also provide a lesser or greater degree of protection for threats that are larger or smaller, simpler or more sophisticated.

In the event of a sabotage attempt, the available licensee and LLEA resources and forces must be used in the most effective manner to counter the actual threat based on the circumstances of the situation. It is recognized that the Security Plan and the implementing security procedures may not equally or adequately address the complete range of possible threats. Therefore, it is necessary that the security plan and procedures accommodate the necessary freedom of action needed by the individual in charge at the site at time of an actual threat to employ the available resources (e.g. physical protection systems, security organization, response forces, LLEA, etc) in a manner that he considers most effective to counter that threat.

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