

IE INFORMATION NOTICE 82-07: INADEQUATE SECURITY SCREENING PROGRAMS

<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Facility/Docket Number</u>
✓ Arkansas Power and Light Company Little Rock, Arkansas	Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1 & 2 50-313; 50-368
✓ Nebraska Public Power District Columbus, Nebraska	Cooper Nuclear Station 50-298
✓ Omaha Public Power District Omaha, Nebraska	Fort Calhoun Station 50-285
✓ Public Service Company of Colorado Denver, Colorado	Fort St. Vrain Generating Station 50-267
✓ Gulf States Utilities Beaumont, Texas	River Bend 50-458; 50-459
✓ Houston Lighting & Power Company Houston, Texas	South Texas Project 50-498; 50-499
✓ Kansas Gas & Electric Company Wichita, Kansas	Wolf Creek STN 50-482
✓ Louisiana Power & Light Company New Orleans, Louisiana	Waterford-3 50-382
✓ Texas Utilities Generating Company Dallas, Texas	Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station 50-445; 50-446



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Gentlemen:

The enclosed IE Information Notice provides early notification of a series of incidents that may have safety significance. It is expected that recipients will review the information notice for possible applicability to their facilities.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
John T. Collins

John T. Collins  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. IE Information Notice No. 82-07
2. List of Recently Issued  
IE Information Notices

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Description of Circumstances:

In recent months, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) inspection program has determined that some contractors and subcontractors at operating nuclear power plants are not meeting all of the screening requirements set forth in the contracting licensee's facility security plan. In some cases, individuals were certified as meeting the minimum screening requirements when, in fact, employment records had not been properly screened. Licensees who did not have effective audit programs did not discover the inadequate screening conducted by their contractors or subcontractors. This has resulted in uncleared individuals being granted unescorted access to vital areas. Because inadequate screening programs could undermine other safeguards features at a facility, this practice may pose a threat to public health and safety.

Contractors and subcontractors should be made aware that they are required to screen their employees according to the requirements specified in the licensee's approved security plan. Clear specification of these screening requirements in the work contract is one method of ensuring this awareness. Licensee audits of contractor and subcontractor procedures for granting unescorted access to protected and vital areas could be another safeguard against inadequate screening programs. These audits would provide reasonable confidence that the security plan commitments were being met.

In summary, establishment of proper screening is essential because of the large number of contractor and subcontractor employees granted unescorted access to protected and vital areas during certain periods of plant operation. This information notice highlights the licensee's responsibility to ensure adequate screening. This notice is provided as early notification of a potentially significant matter. It is expected that recipients will review the information for possible applicability to their facilities and take appropriate action as necessary.

No written response to this information notice is required. For additional information regarding this subject, contact the Regional Administrator of the appropriate NRC Regional Office.

LISTING OF RECENTLY ISSUED  
IE INFORMATION NOTICES

Information Notice No.	Subject	Date Issued	Issued To
82-01	Auxiliary Feedwater Pump Lockout Resulting from Westinghouse W-2 Switch Circuit Modification	1/25/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)
82-02	Westinghouse Nbfd Relay Failures in Reactor Protection Systems at Certain Nuclear Power Plants	1/27/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)
80-32 Rev. 1	Clarification of Certain Requirements for Exclusive-Use Shipments of Radioactive Materials	2/12/82	All fuel facility, materials, and Part 50 licensees
82-01 Rev. 1	Auxiliary Feedwater Pump Lockout Resulting from Westinghouse W-2 Switch Circuit Modification	2/26/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)
82-03	Environmental Tests of Electrical Terminal Blocks	3/04/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)
82-04	Potential Deficiency of Certain AGASTAT E-7000	3/10/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)
82-05	Increasing Frequency of Drug-Related Incidents	3/10/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit
82-06	Failure of Steam Generator Primary Side Manway Closure Studs	3/12/82	All power reactor facilities with an Operating License (OL) or Construction Permit (CP)

Enclosure