



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

June 14, 1990

The Honorable Bill Goodling
United States House of
Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Goodling:

I am responding to your letter of May 31, 1990, in which you forwarded an inquiry from your constituent, Mr. Shelby Gordon, concerning screening procedures for gaining access to the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3.

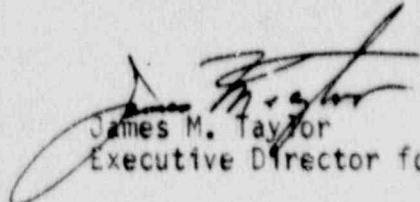
NRC requirements in Section 73.55(d) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) specify that power reactor licensees establish access requirements, including unescorted access authorization, for their facilities. The specific access requirements that apply to a licensee are contained in its security plan which has been approved by the NRC. Several industry standards are considered acceptable for satisfying those requirements.

In addition, Section 73.57 of the regulations requires that all individuals who are granted unescorted access at a site will be fingerprinted. These fingerprints are submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history check. Those results are provided to the respective NRC licensee to use in its determination for granting unescorted access.

A new Part 26 of the Commission's regulations provides specific requirements for fitness-for-duty programs. The rule requires that an individual successfully pass a drug and alcohol screening and a "suitable inquiry" regarding an individual's background concerning substance abuse. These requirements were implemented at all power reactors as of January 3, 1990. The rule specifically also requires random testing of all persons granted unescorted access.

I trust this response adequately addresses your constituent's inquiry.

Sincerely,


James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

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