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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brian K. Grimes, Director, DRIS, NRR

FROM: Phillip F. McKee, Chief, RSGB, NRR

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING WITH NUMARC AND SENIOR UTILITY MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON SAFEGUARDS AREAS OF INTEREST

On November 11, 1990, NRR and NMSS management met with senior representative of several utilities and NUMARC staff. The purpose of the meeting was for the utility representatives to describe the objectives of a newly formed NUMARC Security Working Group and outline some of the security areas the group planned to review. The utility representatives present at the meeting were all members of the new working group, including the work group Chairman, Bart D. Withers, President and CEO, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation.

The staff was informed that the working group's purpose was to identify and prioritize areas where there may be reason to change security practices. Some of these areas were one identified in NUREG-1395, Industry Perceptions of the Impact of the U.S. NRC on Nuclear Power Plant Activities. One objective of the working group was to review security activities and to develop recommendations for the NRC regarding specific areas where changes to security practices might be appropriate. Several areas being considered for review were briefly discussed. These areas included: 1) reevaluation of vital area security with respect to protection against the insider threat, 2) inconsistency in interpretation of security regulatory requirements between regions, and 3) enforcement policy for security in relation to the significance of the violation.

Another topic discussed was licensee security practices during plant outages. The utility representatives indicated that they were aware of only one facility that devitalized area during plant outages and of no facility that relaxed their access authorization requirements (beyond requirements always available for temporary access).

At the conclusion of meeting the NRC recommended that as the work group develops specific issues and recommendations, that these issues be discussed further with the NRC at an open meeting.

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