UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Robert C. Dailey

IA 94-003

ORDER PROHIBITING INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN NRC-LICENSED OR REGULATED ACTIVITIES (EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

I

Robert C. Dailey is employed by Nuclear Support Services, Inc. (NSSI) of Hershey, Pennsylvania, as Vice President of Safety. NSSI provides health physics personnel and support to various nuclear power plants. Mr. Dailey was the NSSI Security Officer from November 1989 to May 1991. As NSSI Security Officer, Mr. Dailey was responsible for requesting unescorted access authorization for NSSI personnel to nuclear power plants which included complying with the NRC fitness-for-duty (FFD) program requirements (10 CFR Part 26).

II

Mr. Dailey, as a representative of NSSI, provided letters to NRC reactor licensees requesting unescorted access authorization for NSSI personnel and certifying that personnel met all FFD and recess authorization requirements. Licensees use this information in determining whether the individual should be granted unescorted access authorization and this information is therefore material.

9403240007 940322 PDR ADDCK 03029164 C PDR On August 14, 1991, two NRC licensees (Northern States Power Company (NSP) and Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPC)) submitted Licensee Event Reports (LER) to the Commission because an NSSI employee had been improperly granted unescorted access to the NSP Prairie Island plant and the WEPC Point Beach plant based on written requests for such access from Mr. Dailey which stated that the employee met all of the FFD requirements for unescorted access. However, in fact, the employee had four past drugrelated access denials at other nuclear power plants since 1987. Both Licensee Event Reports noted that NSSI was aware of the past denials.

An investigation was initiated by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI). The OI investigation concluded that Mr. Dailey had sent on three occasions to Point Beach, and one occasion to Prairie Island, letters stating that the person for whom he was requesting unescerted access had met all FFD requirements and had no positive drug or alcohol use test results within the previous five years. The OI investigation concluded that the letters sent by Mr. Dailey were inaccurate because the person did have positive drug or alcohol use test results.

Despite the statements in the access authouszation request letters, Mr. Dailey told the OI investigator during a January

1993 interview that he had verbally advised the appropriate NSP and WEPC security personnel of the past positive test results. These licensee representatives denied being advised of such information. Mr. Dailey's statement to the OI investigator, which was subsequently determined to be false, constitutes a violation of 10 CFR 50.5(a)(2).

IV

The NRC must be able to rely on licensee contractor personnel to comply with NRC requirements, including the requirement to provide information and maintain records that are complete and accurate in all material respects. Mr. Dailey's deliberate violation of 10 CFR 50.5 has raised serious doubt as to whether he can be relied upon to comply with NRC requirements and to provide complete and accurate information to the NRC, a licensee or an employer engaged in NRC-licensed or regulated activites.

Consequently, I lack the requisite assurance that licensed activities under NRC jurisdiction can be conducted by Mr. Dailey in compliance with the Commission's requirements. Therefore, I have concluded that the public health, safety and interest require that Mr. Dailey be prohibited from participating in NRClicensed or regulated activities for a period of five years from the date of this Order. In addition, during the same period, should he seek employment with any person whose operations he knows or suspects involve any NRC-licensed or regulated

activities, Mr. Dailey is required to give notice of the existence of this Order to that person to assure that such employer is aware of Mr. Dailey's history and the restrictions on his activities imposed by this Order. Furthermore, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, I find that the significance of the conduct described above is such that the public health, safety and interest require that this Order be immediately effective.

V

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 62, 63, 81, 103, 161b, 161i, 1610, 182, and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, 10 CFR 26.27, and 10 CFR 50.5, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THAT:

- Robert C. Dailey is prohibited for five years from the date of this Order from participating in NRC-licensed or regulated activities.
- 2. Should Robert C. Dailey seek employment with any person or entity whose operations he knows or has reason to believe involve any NRC-licensed or regulated activities during the five-year period from the date of this Order, Mr. Dailey shall provide a copy of this Order to such person or entity at the time Mr. Dailey

is soliciting or negotiating employment so that the person or entity is aware of the Order prior to making an employment decision.

The Director, Office of Enforcement, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Mr. Dailey of good cause.

VI

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, Robert C. Dailey must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 20 days of the date of this Order. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically admit or deny each allegation or charge made in this Order and shall set forth the matters of fact and law on which Robert C. Dailey or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued. Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attn: Chief, Docketing and Service Section, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Hearings and Enforcement at the

same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532-4351, and to Robert C. Dailey, if the answer or hearing request is by a person other than Robert C. Dailey. If a person other than Robert C. Dailey requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his or her interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is requested by Robert C. Dailey or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(i), Robert C. Dailey, or any other person adversely affected by this Order, may, in addition to demanding a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the

date of this Order without further order or proceedings. AN ANSWER OR A REQUEST FOR HEARING SHALL NOT STAY THE IMMEJIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDER.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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James L. Milhoan Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations and Research

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11 day of March 1994

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