

**SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION
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FROM ATTACHMENT 1)**



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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk (SGI)
Washington, DC 20555

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP)
Additional Security Plan Changes For The
Biometrics Access Control System

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific Exemptions," by letter dated April 3, 1995, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) requested an exemption from a requirement in 10 CFR 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials." The request was for exemption from the requirement in 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) for an individual not employed by SNC who requires frequent and extended access to protected and vital areas (i.e., a contractor) be authorized access to protected and vital areas without escort if the individual receives a picture badge upon entrance into such areas and returns the picture badge upon exit from such areas (i.e., not allowed to take the picture badge offsite). By letter dated June 5, 1995, the NRC approved the exemption requested by SNC. Specifically, the NRC's exemption allows implementation of a hand geometry biometrics system for site access control at FNP such that identification badges with photographs may be taken offsite by individuals not employed by SNC. The NRC approved the exemption with the understanding that the hand geometry biometrics system would not be implemented by SNC until the corresponding revisions to the Farley Physical Security Plan had been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the NRC Staff. SNC forwarded revisions to the Farley Physical Security Plan for the hand geometry biometrics system for the NRC's review and approval by letter dated October 9, 1995.

This letter provides several changes to the Farley Physical Security Plan revised pages forwarded by the October 9, 1995, SNC letter to address clarifications requested by the NRC. The changed pages are provided in Attachment 1 on a replacement page basis to the SNC October 9, 1995, letter. Attachment 2 provides a description by page number and section of the changes made to the previously submitted Farley Physical Security Plan pages. Security badges will not be taken offsite nor will the hand geometry biometrics system be used for access control until (1) the NRC Staff approves the revisions to the Farley Physical Security Plan, and (2) the biometrics access control system has been implemented.

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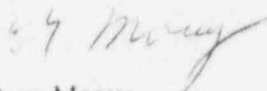
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The revisions to the Farley Physical Security Plan in Attachment 1 contain safeguards information as defined by 10 CFR 73.21, and in accordance with Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, should not be placed in the NRC public document room. The information categorized as safeguards information is appropriately designated.

If there are any questions, or if additional information is needed, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY


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Attachments:

1. Revised Farley Physical Security Plan Pages -- **CONTAINS SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION**
2. Descriptions of Changes

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