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"NRC/Industry Response to Security Officer Inattentiveness Issues"

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Security Officer Attentiveness

- After becoming aware of evidence of inattentive security officers at Peach Bottom in September 2007, onsite NRC staff (Resident Inspectors) increased random inspection frequencies at security posts at all nuclear power plants.
- On September 27, 2007, the NRC issued Security Advisory 2007-06 to all reactor and many material licensees to emphasize the importance of security officer attentiveness.

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Security Officer Attentiveness (cont.)

- To address the broader industry concerns related to inattentive security officers, the NRC issued an industry-wide Security Bulletin (2007-01), in December 2007, to gather information about licensee's programs to determine whether further regulatory action was needed.
- NRC senior managers met with the licensee's Chief Nuclear Officers to emphasize the importance of security officer attentiveness.

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NRC Inspection Program

- In the aftermath of the Peach Bottom security officer inattentiveness issues, the NRC increased awareness of site resident inspectors in the area of physical security.
- Specifically, resident inspectors have been provided training to be more sensitive to security issues and more involved in security inspections at their sites.

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NRC Inspection Program (cont.)

- Resident inspectors are also implementing interim guidance for security inspections (issued May 9, 2008, and revised October 3, 2008) which includes observations of security officer attentiveness during routine inspections, backshifts and weekends.
- In order to address this issue permanently, the NRC recognizes the need to develop and issue a revised inspection procedure, in the area of physical security, for resident inspectors.

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NRC Inspection Program (cont.)

- Finally, the staff will continue to assess the security baseline inspection program and associated inspection procedures and activities for further program revisions which may include inspection line items that address security officer attentiveness. This will be balanced by the removal of non-essential inspection line items, as appropriate.

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