

SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

May 23, 2002

Mr. James E. Ellis
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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ORDER FOR INTERIM SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY
COMPENSATORY MEASURES FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC MORRIS
OPERATION

Dear Mr. Ellis:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued the enclosed Order that modifies the current independent spent fuel storage installation license for your facility to require compliance with the specified interim safeguards and security compensatory measures. These interim compensatory measures are listed in Attachment 1 (contains Safeguards Information) to the enclosed Order. The Commission recognizes that you have voluntarily and responsibly implemented additional security measures following the events of September 11, 2001, however, in light of the current threat environment, the Commission concludes that the security measures should be embodied in an Order, consistent with the established regulatory framework. The Commission has determined that the current threat environment requires that the enclosed Order be effective immediately.

These actions are interim and the basis for the Order is the need to take prudent actions to address security requirements in the current threat environment. This Order does not obviate the need for General Electric Company to continue to maintain the effectiveness of existing security measures taken in response to the events of September 11, 2001. The requirements will remain in effect pending notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment has occurred, or until the Commission determines that other changes are needed following a more comprehensive re-evaluation of current safeguards and security programs.

The enclosed Order calls for responses and actions within specified time frames.

With respect to the notices and submission required by Sections III.B and III.C of the Order, for any requirement of Attachment 1 that requires an analysis or is contingent upon completion of another requirement of Attachment 1, it will be a sufficient response if you state in your twenty-day submission: (1) that completion of the required action is dependent upon completion of an analysis or other requirement; (2) the expected date of completion of the analysis or other

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As a separate matter, if you wish to preserve your right to request a hearing on any requirement contingent upon completion of an analysis or other requirement, a request for an extension of time to request a hearing must be filed within twenty days of the date of this Order in accordance with Section IV of the order. Such a request may seek a reasonable period of time to request a hearing beyond the date that the staff informs you whether the actions proposed, and completion date for the requirement(s) contingent upon an analysis or other requirement, are satisfactory.

Please contact the following members of my staff, Francis Young at 301-415-3207 or Robert Temps at 301-415-2552, to facilitate resolution of any issues related to compliance with the requirements in the enclosed Order, or if you have any other questions.

The enclosed Order has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,
/RA/ original signed by /s/
Martin J. Virgilio, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No.: 72-01

Enclosures: 1. Order
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