

# UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 12, 2013

Holders of Operating Reactor Licenses as Listed in Enclosure 1

SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF CERTAIN SECURITY ORDERS CONCERNING SPENT

NUCLEAR FUEL IN TRANSIT

Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a series of security-related orders to specific licensees. In the area of security for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) in transit, the NRC issued orders to licensees who shipped or received, or were planning to ship or receive, spent nuclear fuel.

The NRC imposed additional security requirements on the shipment of SNF through EA-02-109, "Issuance of Order for Interim Safeguards and Security Compensatory Measures for the Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater than 100 Grams" (67 FR 63167, October 10, 2002). Subsequently, the Commission issued similar security orders to licensees shipping SNF during the period of October 2003 through December 2010. These orders are collectively referred to as the "SNF Transportation Orders." The NRC issued these orders to certain NRC operating reactor licensees who shipped, received, or planned to ship or receive, spent nuclear fuel under the provisions of Part 71 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

The NRC issued all of the orders as immediately effective under the agency's authority to protect the common defense and security pursuant to the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, "Orders," as well as those in 10 CFR Parts 50, 70, 71, and 72. The requirements that the NRC established through the SNF Transportation Orders supplemented the existing regulatory requirements for the shipment of SNF at that time. The NRC intended for these additional security requirements to ensure that SNF was shipped in a manner that protects the common defense and security as well as the public health and safety.

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Therefore, the NRC staff has determined that the generically applicable security requirements set forth in the SNF Transportation Orders are now adequately captured in the NRC's regulations. In addition, the associated guidance document, NUREG-0561, Rev. 2, "Physical Protection of Shipments of Irradiated Reactor Fuel" (ADAMS Accession No. ML13120A230), provides clarifying information regarding the implementation of the requirements in the rule.

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The NRC has filed the enclosed Notice of Rescission of SNF Transportation Orders with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Please contact your licensing project manager for help on any issue related to the requirements in this letter or for help on any other questions.

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Catherine Haney, Director

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Docket Nos.: See enclosure

Enclosures: 1. List of Operating Reactor Licensees

2. Notice of Rescission of SNF Transportation Orders

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

10 CFR Part 73

RIN 3150-AI64

[NRC-2009-0163]

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AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Orders; rescission.

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**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2009-0163 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may access publically-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- Federal Rulemaking Web Site: Go to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a> and search for Docket ID NRC-2009-0163. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; e-mail: <a href="mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov">Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov</a>. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of August

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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