



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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TO: ALL NRC EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED AND SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED
INFORMATION

Access to classified or sensitive unclassified information often is essential for the performance of our functions both here and abroad. As a result, NRC employees on occasion may be entrusted with handling such information. Although the agency has established proper procedures for protecting this information, its security ultimately depends on the discretion and care exercised by you, the employee. Accordingly, you are reminded that:

Classified Information (i.e., Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret) may only be made available to an individual with an appropriate level security clearance and a demonstrated "need-to-know" the information.

Sensitive Unclassified Information (e.g., Proprietary, Safeguards, Official Use Only, etc.) shall only be made available to an individual who has a "need-to-know" the information for the performance of his or her government functions.

In addition to protecting NRC's information, our agency is committed to protecting classified information provided to us by other agencies. Accordingly, we must ensure that such information is not made available to anyone outside of the NRC without the permission of the agency which originated it.

Failure to observe these procedures could cause grave damage to our national interests, as well as result in serious criminal and/or administrative sanctions for individuals involved in such compromises.

I ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all information under your control is properly protected. The security of any piece of information is only as good as the security consciousness of the individuals who have access to it.