

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SECURITY ADVISORY FOR AFFECTED NONPOWER REACTOR LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SPECIAL SECURITY EVENT FOR THE 2025 COUNTING AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTORAL VOTES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security collaborate to enhance the ability to prevent, protect against, prepare for, and, if necessary, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks during periods of heightened alert.

The Secretary of Homeland Security has designated the 2025 Counting and Certification of Electoral Votes, which will take place in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2025, as a national special security event (NSSE). To date, the NRC has not received any information concerning a specific, credible threat toward any U.S. nuclear facility or licensed material during this period.

As a prudent precautionary measure, the NRC is requesting that affected NRC-licensed nonpower reactor facilities located within an approximate 80-kilometer (50-mile) radius of Washington, DC, (area of concern) maintain heightened vigilance for potential security threats during the time period surrounding the 2025 Counting and Certification of Electoral Votes. The NRC recommends that these licensees consider implementing elevated protective measures and provisions, such as those specified in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2002-12B, Revision 1, "Research and Test Reactors—NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System," and RIS 2002-12I, Revision 2, "Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Greater than 100 Grams—NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System," both dated August 24, 2011, as appropriate.

The NRC will continue to monitor threat-related reporting and other relevant developments and will coordinate its assessment activities with other Federal and State agencies for any indication of a threat to licensees.

Any information regarding threats or suspicious activities must be reported promptly in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 73.1215(d). The NRC requires licensees to contact each of the listed organizations or agencies in the following order:

- local law enforcement agency
- local Federal Bureau of Investigation field office
- NRC Headquarters Operations Center at 301-816-5100
- applicable Federal Aviation Administration contact (if aircraft incident)

If the NRC receives additional information concerning site-specific or general threats involving radioactive or special nuclear material, the NRC may recommend taking additional site-specific actions, provide guidance specific to any new information received, advise individual licensees to further coordinate onsite activities with offsite support agencies, or otherwise instruct

licensees to implement elevated protective measures and provisions described in the NRC Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System, as appropriate. If you have any questions concerning this advisory, contact the technical point of contact below.

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This security advisory expires on January 7, 2025.

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