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NRC ISSUES ADVISORY TO NUCLEAR FACILITY OPERATORS FOR PERSONNEL SECURITY CONTROLS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Friday it issued an Advisory March 23 to nuclear facility operators emphasizing the need for a heightened level of awareness in ensuring the proper identity of personnel even though they may be escorted while in the facility. In order to obtain unescorted plant access, individuals are subject to an array of additional checks.

A recent incident of a foreign national using a false social security number and a false alien registration card to obtain escorted access to work at a nuclear power plant identified the need for additional checks on escorted personnel. Although the worker was escorted at all times while he was at the nuclear power plant, the incident points to the need for heightened vigilance in checking the true identity of such individuals.

The NRC urged licensees to check identities against a national security database. Licensees were encouraged to report promptly the fraudulent use, or attempted use of false identification information.

The NRC continues to work closely with other federal agencies to address this issue and will advise its licensees of any further developments.

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