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NRC WARNS PUBLIC AND MERCHANTS OF FAKE CHECK SCAM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is warning members of the public and merchants of a new twist on an old check-cashing scam involving fake "NRC checks."

The scam starts when the criminal spots a classified ad on a Web site such as Craigslist. The criminal offers to buy the advertised item, then overnights a "Nuclear Regulatory Commission" check for thousands of dollars more than the purchase price. The seller is then convinced to cash the check and send the "extra" money back to the criminal, leaving the seller liable for the worthless check.

The NRC never uses checks, and any check bearing the agency's name is a fake.

NRC Inspector General Hubert Bell and NRC Chief Financial Officer William McCabe want the public and merchants to beware of this scam and avoid falling prey to it. Anyone receiving a "Nuclear Regulatory Commission" check should immediately contact the NRC's IG by calling **800-233-3497** or visiting the agency's Web site here: <http://www.nrc.gov/insp-gen/oighotline.html> .

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