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The Annual Report on Nuclear Weapons Surety ✕

The Joint Department of Defense/Department of Energy (DOD/DOE) Annual Report on Nuclear Weapons Surety for 1983 has been reviewed and approved. (D)

The Annual Report serves the prime objective of informing me of those issues concerning the safety and security of nuclear weapons and to bring to my attention deficiencies that need to be addressed. As a minimum, the major activities I expect to be covered include:

- Nuclear weapons security;
- Nuclear weapons safety;
- Nuclear weapons use control/use denial;
- Personnel reliability assurance programs;
- Emergency response; and
- Inspection/evaluation programs. ✕

The obligation of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy to protect public health and safety requires dual-agency judgement and responsibility for safety, security, and control of nuclear weapons. To reflect this important check-and-balance role, the surety report should highlight any significant areas of disagreement and explain the steps being taken to resolve the issues. NA

The 1984 Annual Report, on a one time basis, should contain a critical appraisal, including shortcomings, of the manner in which the risks associated with these important issues have been addressed over the past four years (1981-1984), their current status, and future milestones for corrective measures. The 1984 Annual Report on Nuclear Weapons Surety should be provided for approval by April 30, 1985. (C)

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NSDM 96, Nuclear Weapons Safety Rules, is hereby rescinded. The Annual Report will identify significant issues within the Safety Rule Program and the practice of keeping me informed promptly of safety rules governing new systems or significant changes or problems with existing systems will continue. (S)

Ronald Reagan

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