



Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003

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The Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 (as amended) require persons to appropriately protect “sensitive nuclear information” which essentially covers all protectively marked information generated or held by the civil nuclear industry as a result of their own activities (including MOD contracts) or which it has received from HMG and which needs protecting in the interests of national security. The Regulations are enforced by the Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS) on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. OCNS issues a classification policy in support of these Regulations. The Energy Act 2004 also requires the Civil Nuclear Police Authority (CNPA - of which the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is legally part) to comply with directions issued by OCNS on behalf of the Secretary of State relating to security.

Many civil licensed nuclear sites (including ones formerly operated by the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA)) are now owned by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) but are operated by companies who have the status of NDA contractors. NDA, UKAEA and the CNPA are all NDPBs directly responsible to the Department of Energy and Climate Change. These NDPBs and other companies are all accountable to OCNS for the maintenance of appropriate measures to protect sensitive nuclear information (including personnel security measures) and reporting its loss or compromise. They are required to protect sensitive nuclear information in accordance with relevant HMG standards and OCNS instructions. The Regulations also include a requirement for the industry to obtain personnel security clearances from OCNS as appropriate, which OCNS carries out in accordance with Cabinet Office procedures. The Director of Civil Nuclear Security, OCNS, reports annually to the Minister of State for Energy on the state of security in the civil nuclear industry.

Civil licensed nuclear sites and carriers of nuclear material are also required to protect sites and material against acts of terrorism, in accordance with security plans and transport security statements approved by OCNS. Security regulation does not extend to requiring persons holding sensitive nuclear information outside these sites to also protect their premises against acts of terrorism, although OCNS provides them with advice on this topic.

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