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Proposed Approach for Crediting a Law Enforcement Response to a Physical Attack on a Nuclear Power Plant

### **U.S. Security Programs**

- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
  - Ensures that *licensee* security programs and contingency plans *deal with threats, thefts, and sabotage* relating to special nuclear material, high-level radioactive wastes, nuclear facilities, and other radioactive materials and activities that the NRC regulates
  - <u>NRC description</u>





### Physical Protection Based on Stand-Alone Response



Current U.S. NRC policy is that a licensee is expected to defend against the Design Basis Threat (DBT) without external assistance



### **NEI Paper - Desired Outcome**

Allow U.S. power reactor licensees to credit a law enforcement tactical response supporting performance of operator actions to prevent or mitigate radiological sabotage









### Challenge

Develop a basis that provides *reasonable assurance* that a law enforcement tactical team can enable performance of an operator action to prevent radiological sabotage during an attack on a nuclear facility:

- Tactical team capabilities
- Concept of operations
- Procedures
- Personnel and equipment
- Training and drills



## **Security Bounding Time (SBT)**

- SBT is the elapsed time, measured from the beginning of an attack, required for a law enforcement tactical team to eliminate potential or actual adversary interference sufficient to enable performance of an operator action
  - Joint planning and agreements with a law enforcement agency
  - Establish security program elements necessary to gain a SBT, and for maintenance and periodic verification
  - Due to differences in law enforcement tactical response capabilities from site-to-site, the use of the SBT process by a licensee will be voluntary



# Types of LawEnforcementArea sweeps and searchesAssistanceProtective Escorting

Setting a perimeter

Adversary containment or neutralization



### **Site Actions**

- Identify the operation action
- Planning and procedure development
- Verify and validate
- Obtain a Letter of Agreement
- Determine the Security Bounding Time



### **Determine SBT**

Considers four elapsed time components:



Using the sum of these four elapsed times, the licensee will consult a table to determine the site-specific SBT



### **NRC & Stakeholder Engagement**



- Commissioners
- Management
- Technical Staff

- Public meetings
- Closed meetings
- Drop-in meetings
- Other interactions
- Management
- Advisory Committees
- Working Groups



### Thank You

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