AEC LICENSEES

AEC LICENSEES, PRIOR TO 1968, WERE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ACCOUNTING RECORDS, INVENTORIES, REPORT LOSSES OTHER THAN NORMAL OPERATING LOSSES, AND AFFORD THE AEC ACCESS TO THEIR FACILITIES FOR INSPECTION. THEY WERE ALSO REQUIRED TO ADEQUATELY CONTROL ACCESS TO SNM AND SECURE MATERIAL STORAGE AREAS AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF SNM. AT THOSE LICENSEES WHICH POSSESSED SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF STRATEGIC SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL, AEC CARRIED OUT SEPARATELY AND PERIODICALLY ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND PHYSICAL PROTECTION SURVEYS. IT IS NOT EVIDENT FROM THE RECORDS STILL AVAILABLE THAT THERE WAS NORMALLY A SIMULTANEOUS AUDIT OF ACCOUNTABILITY RECORDS AGAINST A COMPLETE PHYSICAL INVENTORY. NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF ANY THEFT ATTEMPT WAS REPORTED FROM THESE SURVEYS. THERE HAS ALSO NEVER BEEN ANY DIRECT EVIDENCE OF A BLACK MARKET IN SNM.

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