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The usefulness and protective features of criticality alarm systems have been demonstrated in instances of accidental criticality that have occurred during the processing of fissionable materials. This standard provides guidance for the establishment and maintenance of an alarm system to initiate personnel evacuation in the event of inadvertent criticality. Preparation of the standard, begun in 1966, resulted in the issuance of N16.2-1969, and an initial revision was issued in 1979. This revision incorporates relevant features of ANSI/ANS-8.3-1979 and American National Standard Immediate Evacuation Signal for Use in Industrial Installations, ANSI N2.3-1979. N2.3 was originally developed under the aegis of Committee N2 of the American Standards Association. The 1979 revision was sponsored by American National Standards Committee N16.

ANSI N2.3-1979 and ANSI/ANS-8.3-1979 were concurrently undergoing revision and review in 1979. Several reviewers suggested that the two documents, each concerned with immediate evacuation of process areas, should be combined. It was decided that development of the combined document at that time would result in undesired delays, but that the next revision of these two standards should attempt consolidation. The current revision provides this consolidation by adding important features of N2.3-1979 to ANSI/ANS-8.3-1979 and deleting the section of ANS-8.3 that addressed emergency planning. This deletion reflected a long-recognized position that emergency planning was not properly part of an alarm standard. Guidance for emergency planning can now be found in American National Standard Administrative Practices for Nuclear Criticality Safety, ANSI/ANS-8.19-1984, and does not need to be retained in the alarm standard.

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