

Some of the applications referenced in these letters of intent are likely to contain or reference Safeguards Information (SGI). The NRC has established procedures to allow potential parties (i.e. members of the public who may wish to request a hearing) to obtain access to SGI upon a showing of "need to know" and a determination that they would be likely to have standing in a hearing. Additionally, members of the public requesting access to SGI must be found trustworthy and reliable by the NRC before being granted access to SGI; this determination involves a background check that includes fingerprinting.

Because background checks for trustworthiness and reliability determinations may take several months to complete, potential parties seeking access to SGI are advised to contact the individual listed for the specific letter of intent to determine whether the intended application is likely to contain SGI. If the application is likely to contain SGI, potential parties may, by following the NRC's pre-clearance procedures (available at Agencywide Document Access Management System (ADAMS) accession number ML080380626), submit a request for pre-clearance as early as **180 days** before the projected date of the filing of an application. **Do not submit an access request until the Staff has confirmed that the intended application is likely to contain SGI.** Fees submitted in connection with the pre-clearance process are **not refundable** for any reason.