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NRC IMPLEMENTATION OF ADAMS DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will implement its new Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) as the agency's official record keeping system starting tomorrow. The advent of ADAMS marks the NRC's transition in the management of unclassified, official program and administrative records from a paper-based to an electronic environment. The system offers members of the public faster and broader access to agency documents directly from individual personal computers or through the NRC's Public Document Room in Washington, D.C.

Although the new system will become fully operational tomorrow, the NRC staff has used a phased-in approach to the system. Since November, the NRC has made agency documents available to the public in electronic form through ADAMS. In addition, the Commission has and will continue to provide paper copies of certain publicly-available documents to the Public Document Room until further notice.

Because of this transition period, NRC officials expect the public to experience no major new difficulties in using this system. However, ADAMS has exhibited some technical and procedural problems in its initial period of operation. The agency is currently making improvements to the system to address many of these problems.

The Commission has expressed the hope that members of the public will bear with us and not become frustrated with the new system as technical problems are identified and resolved.

The agency's Public Document Room will continue to assist the public in using ADAMS, performing searches for the public and arranging for reproduction of its documents. Information about ADAMS is available to the public on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>.

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