

August 16, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Members of the Licensing Support Network
Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP)

FROM: Andrew Bates, Chairman LSNARP */RA/*

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J and LSN Level
One and Two Functional Requirements

As you were advised in Annette Vietti-Cook's memorandum of June 15, 2000 I have been appointed to replace John Hoyle as Chairman of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel. I worked with John on advisory committee matters for many years before his retirement and expect to have a smooth transition as I pick up his responsibilities for the LSN Panel. I look forward to working with all of you as the LSN progresses.

The NRC has sent the enclosed proposed changes to the Commission's rules in 10 CFR Part 2, "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," to the Office of the Federal Register (FR) for publication for a 45 day public comment period. The proposed rule would revise the Commission's regulations in Subpart J of Part 2 regarding the use of the LSN.

The proposed rule would establish the basic design standards that LSN participant websites must use to make documentary material available. The basic design standards are generally used data structure and transfer protocols currently in use in the Internet environment. The standards will ensure that participants will be able to effectively and efficiently retrieve the information stored on participant websites.

The proposed revisions would also clarify the timing of participant compliance certifications. DOE and the NRC are currently required to make their documentary material available in electronic form beginning thirty days after DOE's submission of its site recommendation to the President of the United States. All other participants must make their documents available no later than thirty days after the date that the repository site selection decision becomes final after review by Congress. All participants must certify that they have identified and made available electronically all of their documentary material. The proposed revisions would require this certification to be made at the time specified for participant compliance with the rule. Although the Commission expects DOE to make the initial certification at that time, if DOE cannot fully comply at that time, the proposed rule would require DOE to make the certification as soon as possible thereafter. The proposed rule would also require DOE to provide to the Pre-License Application Presiding Officer the reason for its noncompliance and when it expects to be in compliance.

Details on how to provide any comments you may have on the proposed rule are contained at the beginning of the enclosed rule. Dependent upon the exact publication date in the FR, I expect that the 45 day comment period will end during the first week in October.

I am also enclosing the latest version of the LSN functional requirements. This version has been significantly reworked and reworded since the Technical Working Group saw them in March and any final comments that members of the Panel have should be sent to my attention as soon as possible as the system design is expected to begin in September.

Attachments: Proposed Revisions to 10 CFR Part 2
Licensing Support Network - Level One and Two Functional Requirements

cc: ASLBP
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