

**10. CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with § 2.1003(a)(1), each participant must designate an official who will be responsible for administering their LSN responsibilities. The Responsible Official must certify to the Pre-License Application Presiding Officer that:

- the procedures (specified in § 2.1009(a)(2)) created by the participant to implement the requirements of § 2.1003 (“Availability of Material”) have been implemented; and,
- to the best of his or her knowledge, the documentary material specified in § 2.1003 has been identified and made electronically available.

An initial certification of compliance must be made at the time that each participant’s documentary material is made available under § 2.1003.

- For DOE, this is at least six months in advance of submission of the DOE license application for a high-level radioactive waste repository. The Responsible Official for the DOE must also update this certification at the time of submission of the license application.
- For the NRC, initial certification must occur no later than thirty days after the DOE initial certification.
- For all other participants, initial certification must occur no later than ninety days after the DOE initial certification.

The Director of the NRC’s Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) may determine that the license application is not acceptable for docketing if:

- six months has not passed between the DOE initial certification and the submission of the application; or
- the application is not accompanied by an updated certification.