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TO: Members of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel

FROM: Daniel J. Graser
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RE: Licensing Support Network Guidelines for Technical Implementation

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has finalized a series of technical guidance materials for use by parties, interested governmental entities, and potential parties that may be participating in the Licensing Support Network (LSN) program. These guidance materials reflect the most recent revisions to 10 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart J, as published in the May 31, 2001, Federal Register (66 Fed. Reg. 29,453) and the outcome of discussions held during the August 2001 Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) and Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings. These Guidelines supersede the draft guidance materials distributed on June 8, 2001. Parties that may have been waiting to begin work developing their web-based document collections pending release of the LSN Administrator's final guidelines will now be in a position to move forward.

Although written in a simple, narrative style, the Guidelines are still quite technical in nature. The Guidelines are intended to document hardware, software, and procedural issues that have been raised by or with the participants regarding the design of their document collection websites. They are intended for, will be most understood by, and be of most benefit to, the information technology technicians charged with delivering the systems that will meet Subpart J requirements. To this end, in many cases, we have provided extended discussions of the factors that were considered in developing the guidance provided. In other instances, such as for HTML and XML tagging/formatting topics, actual script markup specifications are provided.

In accordance with Subpart J, I ask that each LSNARP member and its technical support staff examine these Guidelines closely and provide any advice, commentary, or recommended revisions to the NRC. All items are open for discussion and your input will be given careful consideration. If issues are identified that warrant additional consideration, we may schedule discussion sessions at future TWG or full LSNARP meetings.

Attachment: Licensing Support Network Guidelines, Final, April 2002.