

8 SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL

8.1 Submission Deadline

Section 2.1003(a) of the LSN Rule states that the DOE shall make their documentary material electronically available “no later than six months in advance of submitting its license application to receive and possess high-level radioactive waste at a geologic repository operations area.” The NRC shall make its documentary material electronically available “no later than thirty days after the DOE certification of compliance.” Any other party, potential party, or interested governmental participant shall make its documentary material electronically available “no later than ninety days after the DOE certification of compliance.” DOE’s initial certification of compliance must be made at the time that DOE submits all of its relevant documentary material (text, images, and bibliographic headers) to the LSN in order to comply with § 2.1003. Subsequent to the initial certifications, participants will be loading their servers with their contemporaneous documentary material on an ongoing basis.

8.2 Early Submission for Testing

The LSNA and staff have to design and implement the LSN, thoroughly test it, and make it available to the LSN participants no less than six months prior to DOE’s submission of the license application. To facilitate connectivity testing, the LSNA is requesting that participants, including the DOE and the NRC, begin making a portion of their documentary material electronically available prior to the certification deadline, thus providing a time frame that permits integration, testing, and finalization. A significant percentage of each participant’s document collection should be made available well before the end of this period so the LSNA can size the system, evaluate system performance characteristics and connectivity, and extrapolate the results into a meaningful performance model. This model will then be used to modify and finalize the system based on desired performance characteristics. While it is true that the largest number of documents will be housed in the DOE and NRC document collections, the LSNA will need to test the connectivity and response times across all participant LSN websites to help measure full LSN functionality.