

From: Mindy Landau
To: Carl Paperiello; Joseph Shea; Patricia Norry; William Kane
Date: 3/18/02 1:59PM
Subject: Meeting on Lochbaum petition

This morning I met w/ several NRR staff (Glenn Tracy, Vonna Ordaz, Tad Marsh and others) to discuss next steps re: the Lochbaum 2.206 petition on spent fuel security issues. Apparently there has been some confusion among the staff on how to handle these petitions in the post-9/11 environment. There were 3 earlier petitions received by the staff (not sure of authors) that contained "sensitive" information and a decision was made to **not** make them publicly available or hold public meetings. Glenn brought up the fact that this petition, though it did contain somewhat sensitive material, should not be protected because the source is UCS. Our draft guidance on protecting SHSI indicates we will only protect information if it was generated by NRC, licensees or our contractors. Before 9/11, we made petitions and other such information publicly available even if they contained classified info or safeguards info. To change our policy now and start protecting this information could have the unwanted effect of calling attention to it. Furthermore, UCS and other groups widely distribute their petitions and other correspondence that is sent to NRC. We decided to make the petition public per our normal 2.206 procedures, and hold a meeting to clarify issues, but not to discuss the merits of the petition. Hopefully, once the guidance on withholding SHSI is approved we can begin educating the staff on how to deal with issues like this so it is handled consistently throughout the agency.

CC: Garrett Smith; Ramin Assa

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Participant List

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| 1. | Ram Sultana | DLPM/NRR |
| 2. | Wayne Burnside | INTSEC/ADM/DFS |
| 3. | L. B. Mousk | NRR / DLPM |
| 4. | Vonna Ordaz | NRR/DLPM/IRSB |
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| 6. | Glenn Tracy | NRR/IRSB |
| 7. | Bob Gramm | NRR/DLPM/N-1 |
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| 10. | H. Berkow | |
| 11. | Mindy London | OEDO |

Resolutions (no objections)

1. Put petition in ADAMS
2. Call Lochbaum