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ADAMS as a Public Information Tool

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ADAMS as a Public Information Tool

- A windows based module of an agency software system

- Provides public access to newly released NRC documents

Intended Benefits of ADAMS as a Public Information Tool

- Expanded public access to NRC's documents via the Internet

- Improved search capability with ability to perform full text searching

- More immediate public access with ability to view document, download files, and print locally

- More flexibility in timing the release of documents

Operational Experience Difficulties

- The design of the system has resulted in an unintended limitation in public access

- Some ADAMS users have had difficulty in connecting or staying connected

- Windows based user interface is not as friendly as we had planned or users desire

- Document and data integrity issues have at times impacted the accessibility of information

- System stability and performance have not been at the level desired

Operational Experience Usage

- Despite these difficulties, usage is growing and is 4 times greater than it was for the predecessor system

- Documents are being released in days rather than weeks

- Ability to download and print locally at no cost has resulted in substantial cost avoidance in reproduction of NRC documents

Current or Near-Term NRC Actions to Address Problems

- Continued use of Public Document Room librarians to train and assist public, perform searches, arrange for document reproduction (1-800-397-4209 or pdr@nrc.gov)

- Continued use of NRC information technology staff to assist public with difficulties in connecting or staying connected to system

- Improved functionality in upcoming release of software

- Clean-up of database

- Improved data integrity of newly added documents

Future Plans to Improve ADAMS

- Prototype a new Web-based ADAMS

- Does not require download of any software