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SUBJECT: LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM (LSS) INTERNAL STEERING COMMITTEE
REVIEW OF LSS NEEDS AND FUNCTIONALITY

As requested by your letter of March 18, 1991, comments on the subject meeting are provided.

In the Committee discussions concerning the possibility of either reducing the scope of material stored in the LSS or reducing the amount stored in the searchable full text/digital image, it was mentioned that a "cutoff date" for required LSS document entry may be within the scope of consideration for the LSS Advisory Review Panel. As stated in the final rulemaking "Supplementary Information" (54 FR 14929), under Topical Guidelines:

"The Supplementary Information to the proposed rule stated that the LSS Advisory Review Panel may develop recommendations to the Commission on whether particular categories of documentary material (e.g., those limited by date or subject) should still be included within the Topical Guidelines." (Underline added)

It was also suggested in the meeting that LSS participants could request that specified documents prior to a cutoff date be included in the LSS, if considered significant to high-level waste repository licensing. Documents could then be included in the LSS that might later be determined to be of concern in the high-level waste licensing. In the meeting summary you forwarded for review, it might be concluded that documents prior to a cutoff date would be permanently excluded from the LSS as "irrelevant," and that is not likely to be acceptable to the LSS Advisory Review Panel.

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NMSS did not advocate elimination of any LSS functional elements in the meeting, but noted the need for information regarding cost and potential impact to make an informed decision on LSS function elimination, or reduction in service. I believe this and the above items should be addressed in your Commission paper. Please note that these comments are in addition to those provided by the April 4, 1991 memorandum from R. Bernero to you.

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