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Subject: Public release of newly generated technical information

Bill:

My section chiefs and I have been thinking about how to handle new technical information, such as SEs, that are generated by the staff on an ongoing basis. We thought it might be good for tech branches, especially the risk branch, to assess each new product and make a determination regarding public release. That way, DLPM or other project groups would have guidance on how to handle it.

Attached is an assessment form which I put together. The idea would be for the tech branch to attach this form to each SE that we generate. Projects would then be alerted to the need to address the subject of public release.

The general categories conform to the draft guidance for web removal, but each tech branch could generate more detailed guidance in their own area of specialty.

Would this be helpful?

--Rich Barrett

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INFORMATION RELEASE ASSESSMENT

The attached document contains information which might not be suitable for public release in light of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The undersigned SPSB manager has evaluated this material using the criteria cited below, which were developed by OEDO for the purpose of evaluating material which might be removed from the NRC external web.

Check any box that appropriately describes the material in this document:

___ Consolidation or collection of plant- specific information that might be used to exploit site-specific features including equipment and specific facility locations (for example, FSARs), Plant Information Books, Emergency Plans, Individual Plant Examinations (IPE, IPEEE) material, Operational Safeguards Response Evaluation material, risk-informed inspection notebooks).

___ Specific locations of the facility site should be avoided. Limit these descriptions to city and state. Geospatial coordinates should not be made public through any means. As a practical matter, addresses on licensee correspondence can still be made public via ADAMS. Staff should re-consider holding public meetings at licensee sites to avoid posting site addresses on the public meeting web site.

___ Fairly major physical vulnerabilities or weaknesses, or potential weaknesses that could be useful to terrorists

___ Construction details such as wall thicknesses or specific barrier dimensions. Detailed diagrams, schematics, or cutaways of plant designs.

___ Information which could be useful to defeat or breach barriers

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SPSB Manager/Reviewer Date