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CHANGE IN DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PETITIONS UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

As a result of the issuance of COMSECY-01-0030 - Guidance to The Staff on Release of Information to The Public and the issuance of draft guidance on protection of sensitive homeland security information, NMSS is changing its practice of severely limiting the disclosure of security-related information associated with petitions under 10 CFR 2.206. Since Sept. 11, 2001, NMSS has restricted the availability of information bearing on security of nuclear facilities, including not making petitions publicly available and closing petition review board meetings (PRB's) to petitioners and the public. NMSS will now revert to the practice outlined in Management Directive 8.11 to open PRB's and make other documents publicly available. As before, NMSS will review documents for classified, safeguards, proprietary, or privacy information. The sole change to the previous practice will be to add a review of documents for sensitive homeland security information. Until final guidance is issued, NMSS will use draft guidance. The contacts for this review will be Mark Delligatti, 301-415-8518, in SFPO and Fritz Sturz, 301-415-6678. For further information on the 2.206 Petition Process, contact Paul Goldberg at email address (PFG) or 301-415-7842.

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