

### The Conservation Foundation

October 27, 1987

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: The HLW Licensing Support System Advisory Committee

FROM: Howard Bellman, Tim Mealey, Matt Low and Kirk Balcom

SUBJECT: Minutes from the Last Meeting and Logistics for the

Upcoming Meeting

Attached for your review are draft minutes of the October 15-16, 1987 meeting. Please review these minutes and come to the next meeting prepared to make any necessary changes. (You will note that Attachment 5, which will include view graphs and materials from the negotiation training, is missing. It will be mailed under separate cover before the committee's next meeting.)

As noted in the minutes, the next meeting will be held on November 19-20, 1987 at The Regency Hotel and Conference Center; 3900 Elati Street; Denver, CO 80215 (800/525-8745 or 303/458-0808) from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 19th and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 20th.

The Regency has offered committee members a government rate of \$44 per night. When calling to make reservations, committee members should refer to the meeting as "The Conservation Foundation/NRC meeting" in order to receive the government rate.

The agenda for the next meeting includes the following:

- o Review and approval of minutes;
- O Discussion of the request for participation from five local governments;
- o Presentation by the DOE on current LSS activities;
- o Discussion of "preliminary" issues (see "Issue Paper" distributed at the last meeting and pages 3-4 of the minutes); and
- o Discussion of the use of working groups and a single text negotiating instrument.

If you have any questions about logistical matters, please do not hestitate to call Tim Mealey at 202/778-9628 or the phone number listed at the bottom of the page.

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ATTACHMENT 1

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#### ATTENDANCE LIST

# Meeting of the HLW Licensing Support System Advisory Committee October 15-16, 1987

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ATTACHMENT 2

## Introduction

- Orient You to Large Systems
- Provide You With Technical Information to Evaluate Alternatives
- Determine Your Requirements
  - What Do You Need to Find?
  - How Fast Do You Need to Find It?
  - How Do You Want to View It?
- · What Is Full Text Retrieval?

# Objectives Of The Licensing Support System

To provide for the capture, storage, distribution and retrieval of all records pertinent to a high-level waste repository hearing so as to facilitate a 3-year licensing hearing.

- Provide a complete record data base with rapid retrieval so as to substantially reduce the time required for discovery
- Provide early and readily attainable access to all pertinent records so that issues or concerns can be identified, resolved or be very focused at the time of the hearing
- Provide for the rapid transfer of records so that the licensing hearing can proceed in an orderly, efficient, and timely manner
- Provide the tools necessary to do a timely technical evaluation with a massive document data base

# LARGE ON-LINE RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS

		INDEXING/ STORAGE MEDIA	ADD'L	NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS (MILLIONS)	TOTAL DISK STORAGE (BILLIONS)	Tôtal Users
LSS	TEXT IMAGES	FULL TEXT OPT. DISK	HEADER	10 10	110 5,000	125
LEXIS/NEXIS	TEXT	FULL TEXT		35	130	
DIALOG	TEXT	HEADER		120	380	80,000
JURIS	TEXT	FULL TEXT	HEADNOTES	5	27	8,000
COORD ASBESTOS	TEXT	FULL TEXT	HEADER	1.5	3	
PTO (PRESENT)	TEXT IMAGES	FULL TEXT OPT. DISK		1	40	1,000
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## STEPS IN BUILDING A VERY LARGE SYSTEM

- REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS
   OUTPUT NEEDS, RETRIEVAL PERFORMANCE
- · DESIGN "SYSTEM"
- · CREATE ORGANIZATION WHICH ADMINISTERS, OVERSEES AND ENFORCES OPERATION
- BURIED IN QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN
- DETERMINE WHETHER CENTRALIZED US LOCAL, US REGIONAL COLLECTION AND USAGE
- BUILD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE "FACTORY"
- · SCREEN DOCUMENTS
- · CAPTURE TEXT
- CAPTURE IMAGES
- · RECEIVE, ACCOUNT FOR AND CONTROL DOCUMENTS
- · SCAN, CONVERT, LOAD INDEX
- TEST SEARCH, DISPLAY AND OUTPUT CAPABILITIES
- · DELIVER OUTPUT RESULTS
- · PROVIDE SECURITY
- · SET UP REMOTE USER LOCATIONS
- · TRAIN LOCAL AND REMOTE USERS

Table 4-1. Hardwere requirements I

	Approach					
Category		2	3	1	5	6
Verification work station	×	x	×	Į.	×	x
Index/abstract input work station	x	x	x	x	x	x
Flatbed scanner				K	x	X
)CR <sup>1</sup> engine				x	X	x
dicrocomputer controller				x	x	X
Digitizing camera				X	x	x
Optical disk masters			X		X	x
Single WORM <sup>2</sup> write drive			x		x	X
Optical disk copies			X		x	X
Microfilm or optical disk						
distribution facilities		X	X		X	X
Microfilm camera	X	×	X			
Microfilm media	X	X	X			
Archival facility	X	X	X	X	X	X
Film copies	X	X	X			
fain computer	X	X	×	X	X	X
Magnetic disk storage	X	X	X	X	X	X
Remote laser or line printers	X	X	X	X	×	X
IORM jukebox				X		
Central CAR <sup>3</sup> system (includes						
auto scanner and reader/printer)	X					
dard copy mail facility	X			X		
Communications ports and modems	X	X	X	X	X	X
Communications lines	X	X	X	X	X	X
lemote microcomputer retrieval						
station	X	X	X	X	X	X
ligh resolution graphics monitor	X	×	•	X X	X	X
.aser printer Optical disk reader	*		X X	*	X X	X X
Remote CAR system	· <b>x</b>	x	X		*	^

<sup>10</sup>CR = optical character recognition.
2MORM = write-once read many.
3CAR = computer-assisted retrieval of microfilm.

Table 4-2. Software requirements

	Approach					
Lategory	1	2	3	4	5	6
Central DBMS <sup>1</sup>	x	x	x	x	x	<u>x</u>
Loca DBMS	•	•	X	^		X
Communications				x	x	X
Control				x	X	X
File transfer				x	X	×
Termimal access control	x	x	X	x	x	X
Searcm integration	x	X	X	X	x	x
Document retrieval/reproduction	x			x		
Retrieval station shell		X	x		x	x

<sup>1</sup>DBMS = data base management system.

Table 4-3. Labor support requirements

	Approach					
Category	I	2	3	4	5	F
Verification	x	×	×	×	×	x
Indexing/abstracting	x	X	x	x	×	>
Structured data entry	×	x	x	X	×	,
Prepare documents for digital imaging				x	×	X
Prepare documents for microfilming	×	x	x			
Operate flatbed camera				x	x	)
Operate digitizing camera				X	x	>
Operate OCR <sup>1</sup> engine				X	X	>
Provide control for optical						
disk copies			×		X	;
Operate microfilm camera	X	X	X			
Control microfilm copies	X	X	X	•		
Operate archive	X	×	X	X	X	)
Computer support	×	X	×		×	,
Operate reproduction facilities	X			×		•
Training and local						
configuration support	x	×	x	×	X	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>OCR = optical character recognition.

## **APS** Objectives

- Automate the Patent Office for paperless operations
- · Store patents and applications in electronic form
- Provide intelligent text and substance search capability
- Provide for retrieval of documents by subclass and other criteria
- Employ state-of-the art technology
- Design with flexibility to incorporate future technology

### **Basic Requirements**

- Location
  - Small physical area served over first 5 to 8 years,
     within Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia
- Users
  - Large user community requiring services

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Patent examiners
Para-technical support staff (approximate)
Clerical staff (approximate)
Administrative staff (approximate)

Potential users
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- Initial requirement for 1800 workstations

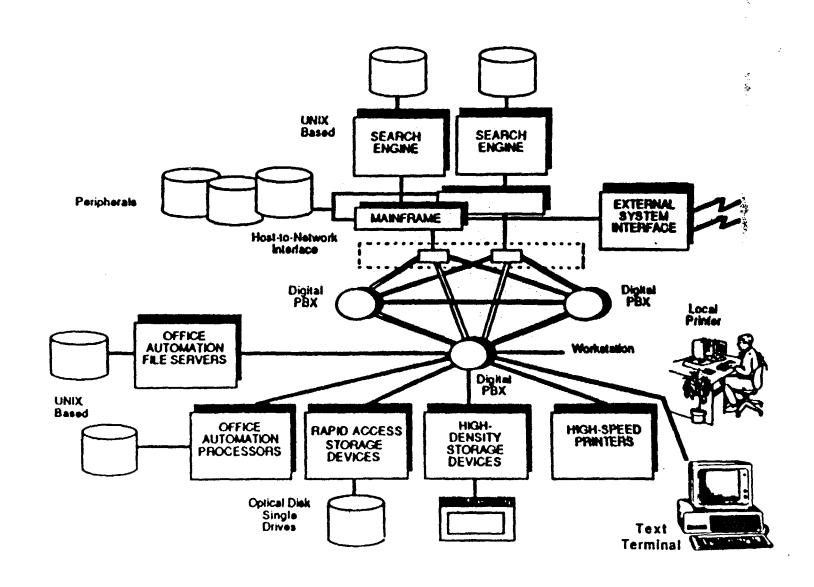
## **Key Quantitative Requirements**

- First page retrieval 10 seconds
- Flip-rate to next page or next document 1 second
- Resolve 4-point type and 5-mil lines on facsimile images

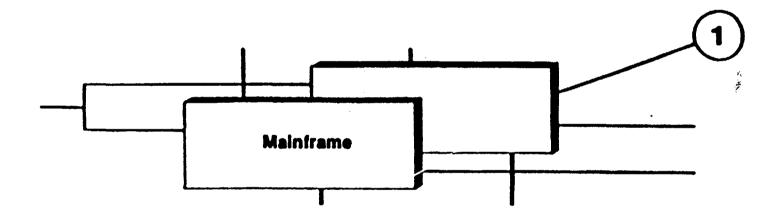
## Special Considerations

- Current procedures are almost purely manual
- Users are extremely skilled and will adapt with use
- APS will modify procedures
  - Adjust search methodologies
  - Eliminate much "page flipping"
- System requirements based upon currently stated needs may result in overbuild
- Checkpoints needed during implementation to avoid unnecessary overbuilding

## System Architecture for Automated Patent System

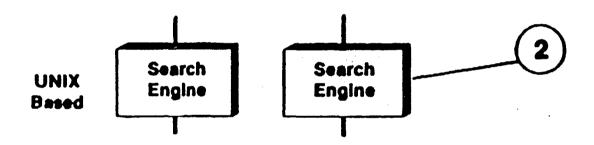


# System Architecture for Automated Patent Systems



1. Mainframe: Two very large - scale mainframes provide indexes to approximately 30 terabytes storage capacity in a distributed system; support search and retrieval; manage system; maintain text and image data base.

# System Architecture for Automated Patent Systems



2. Search Engines: 40 or more microcomputer act as parallel processors for text and classification searches, using boolean logic to located word and symbol combinations and relationships in text data base.

## Search Engines

- Contains text of post 1970 U.S. Patents
- Results include highlighting of "found data" using composition techniques
- Contains chemical structure data
- Parallel searching of text and chemical structures
- Search engine quantities expand as system grows
- Initial quantity 40 units
  - anticipated maximum -- 96 units

### Search/Data Transfer Characteristics

### A Single Request Can Retrieve Large Volumes

- Subclass Search 210 Related Patents
- Text Search 10 to 50 Related Patents
- Specific Request Single Patent

### Speed of Retrieval

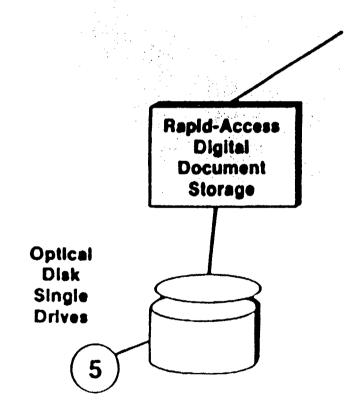
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Text Search (1st Full Document)
U.S. Patent by Patent Number
10 Seconds
10 Seconds

### Long "Holding Times" Probable

### High Speed Transfer Required (Effective Rate)

- 500 Kbps Absolute Minimum
- 1 Mbps Required for Reasonable Transmission Delay
- 2 Mbps Highly Desireable

# System Architecture for Automated Patent Systems

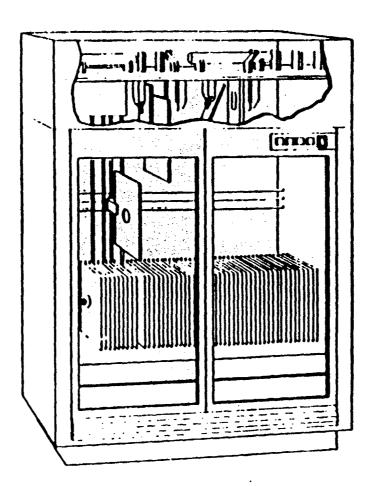


5. Rapid - Access Digital
Document Storage: Single
optical disk contains frequently
accessed information, such as
post - 1970 granted patents.

## **Priority File Storage**

		Pages (K)	Storage (GB)
U.S. Patents	Drawings	3,327	148
	Text	1,210	40
	Image pages	2,000	156
Foreign Patents	Image pages	978	<u>76</u>
	Tota	7,515	420

## **Optical Disk Jukebox**

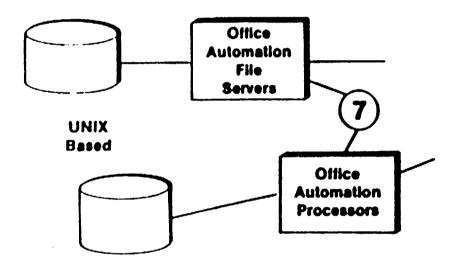


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	Image pages	17,000	4,222
Foreign Patent	Drawings	39,120	3,478
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	Abstract text	9,000	236
Applications	Drawings	4,614	206
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•	Text	354	16
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### System Architecture for Automated Patent Systems



7. Workstation Servers: Office automation file server allows user to store individual work. Office automation processor provides electronic mail delivery, spreadsheet capacity, calendar, word processing, etc. Latest software deliveries are stored in local storage devices, automatically update workstation software.

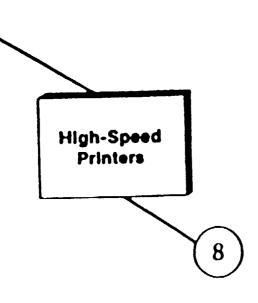
## Office Automation Support

- Bit mapped image support required
- Storage of individual's personal files
- Redundant storage for back up
- Compatibility with Workstation Office Automation

## System Features

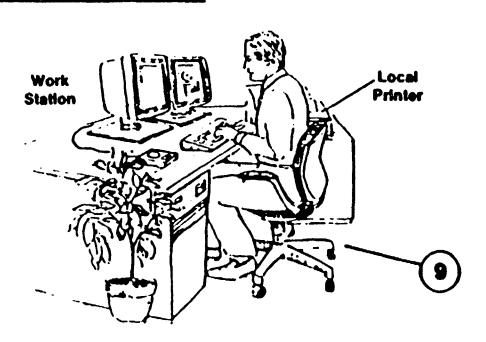
- Software version control
- Downline load

## System Architecture for Automated Patent Systems



8. Central and Group laser
Printer: Centralized printing
provides 300 line - per - inch page
images with each printer
operating at more than 10
pages per minute.

# System Architecture for Automated Patent Systems



9. Workstations: For use of examiners, paralegal, technical and clerical personnel, more than 1,800 workstations are the primary user interface with the patent processing system. Workstations provide access to the system for patent application processing and full office automation functions.

## Workstation

- Character display requirements
  - 4 point type
  - Drawing with 5 mil line
- Data stored at 300 DPI
  - Displays 150 DPI
- Window management software
  - Dual screen displays
  - Multiple windows
  - Interface to off the shelf packages
- Composition software
  - Combined text and Image
  - Display "as printed"

# Examiner Can Create Personal Notes Utilizing Text From Other Personal Files

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#### EXAMPLE VI

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#### **EXAMPLE IX**

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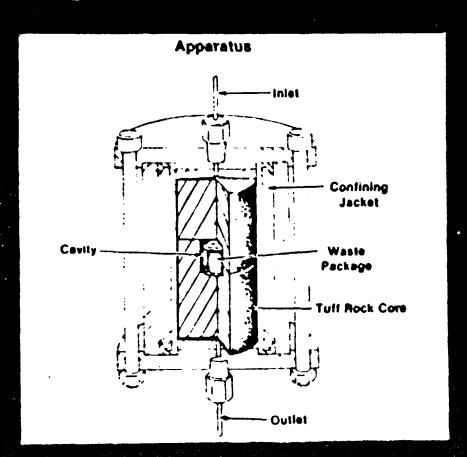
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Analog Test Apparatus



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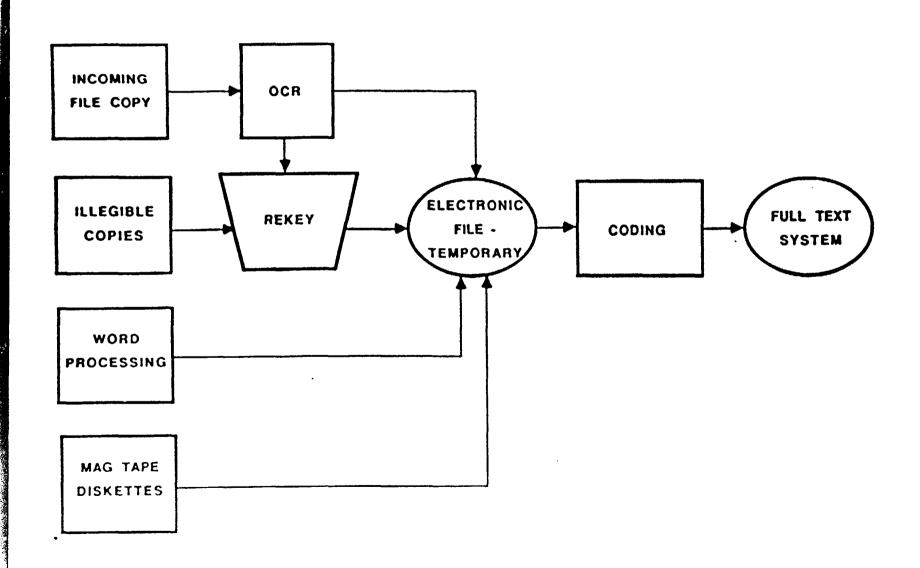
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  3-04-00 EDGE NE
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Abstracting and Digesting
Full Text
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Combinations

II. Different Types of Data Bases

Correspondence Organization and Retrieval
Litigation Support
Case Tracking
Witness Hanagement
Exhibit Tracking
Document Control and Indexing
Transcripts
Interrogatories

III. Reasons to Use Full Text

Ability to View Entire Document

Ease of Data Entry

Simple Search Techniques

Minimal Additional Coding Required

Powerful Retrieval Software

Ability to Compare Similarities and Differences in Language

Interrogatories

Legislation

Rules and Regulations

Unpublished Opinions

Availability of Cost-effective Microcomputers

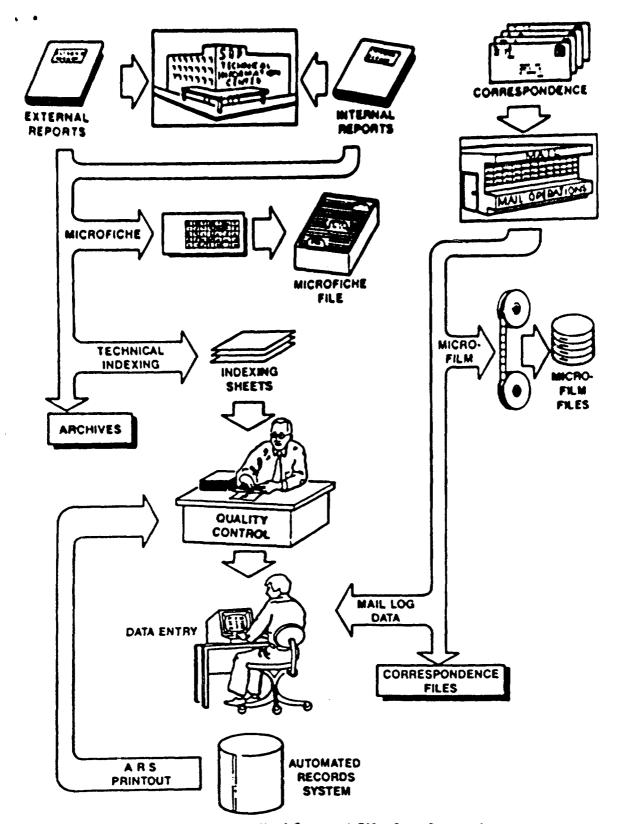


Figure 3-1. Hard Copy and Film Copy Processing

## ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

**INDEXING** 

STORAGE MEDIA

**MANUAL** 

FULL TEXT

"HEADERS"

**BOTH** 

MANUAL

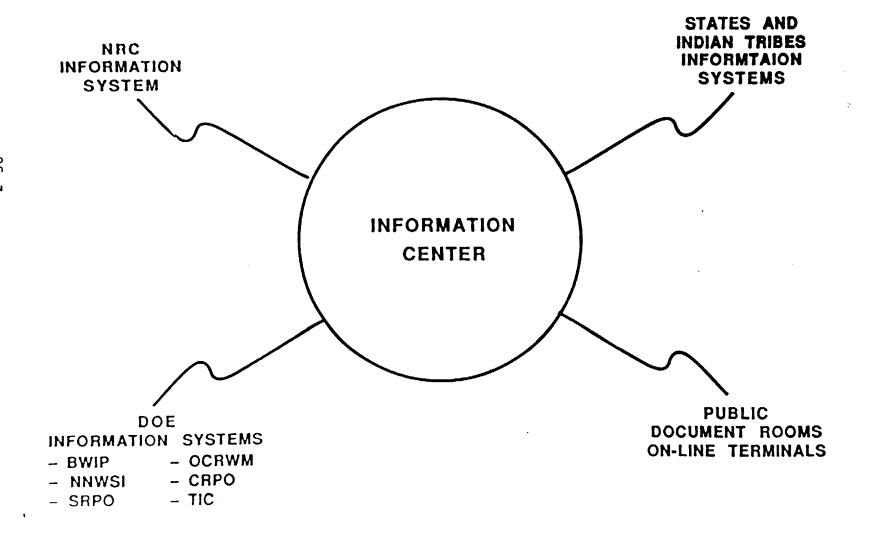
**MICROFILM** 

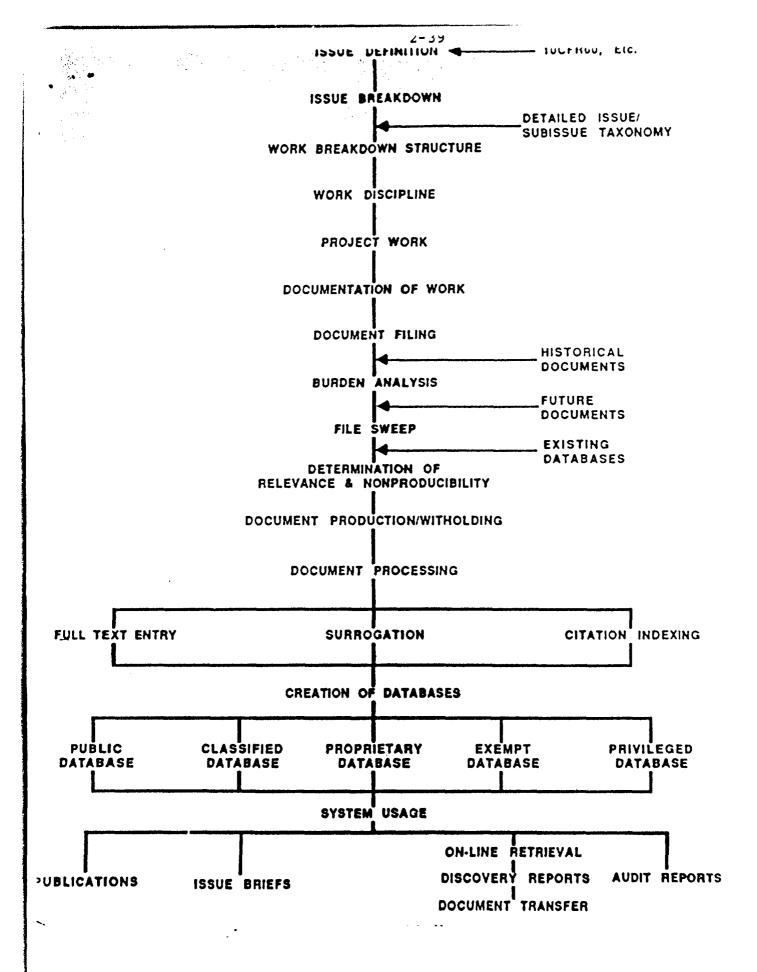
**TEXT ON HARD DISK** 

OPTICAL DISK

## **INFORMATION NETWORK**

(ALL LOCATIONS WITH ON-LINE ACCESS)





## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- · IS A PLAN
- WHICH USES PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE
- ORGANIZED INTO SPECIFIC STEPS
- FOLLOWING YOUR <u>STANDARDS</u>

### QA INCLUDES -

- QC (QUALITY CONTROL) OF EACH STEP
- · LOTS OF FORMS
- LOTS OF MANUALS

## REMAINING ISSUES

- VOLUME
- "TURNAROUND TIME"
- RELIABILITY, ACCURACY
- · COST
- · EASE OF USE
- ENHANCED DISCOVERY
- WHEN MUST LSS BE OPERATIONAL?
- HOW MUCH DATA MUST BE ON FIRST?
- "DUMPING" OF DOCUMENTS

ATTACHMENT 3

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# THE NRC OPTICAL DISK PROJECT OVERVIEW



Avi Bender
Senior Project Manager
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

## NRC TRANSITIONAL LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM

- Interim Approach for Capture, Storage and Retrieval of NRC HLW Records (Rusche-Davis Agreement)
- NRC HLW Digitized Records to Become Part of Future LSS
- NRC Continuing to Demonstrate
  - Full Text Search and Image Retrieval
  - Preliminary System Requirements

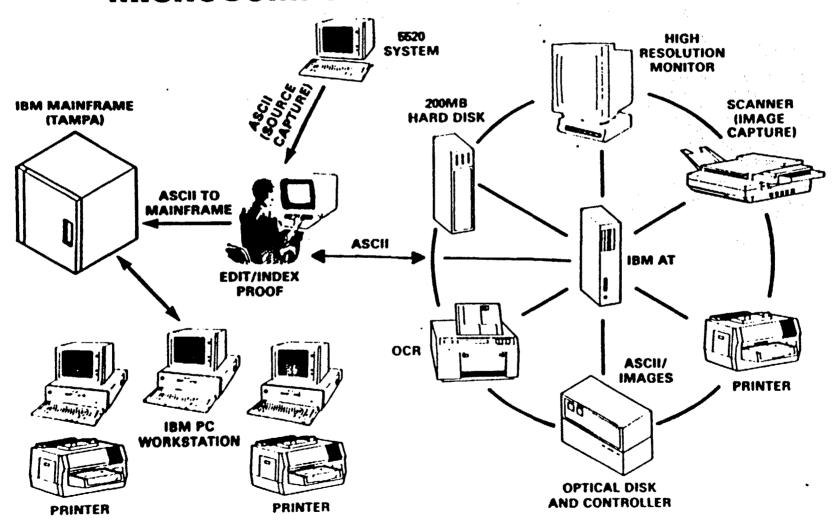
## SYSTEM DE .. CIPTION

- Integrated Hardware/Software System to Capture,
   Store and Retrieve Documents
- Thousands of Documents Converted to a Medium Which Enables Fast and Easy Access to Information
  - Surrogate Search
  - Content Search
  - Image or ASCII Retrieval

## MAJOR SYSTEM DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- Retrievability
- Completeness
- Unitary Design
- Full Nature and Scope to Be Determined by Negotiated Rulemaking

## TRANSITIONAL LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM: MAINFRAME AND MICROCOMPUTER BASED OPERATION

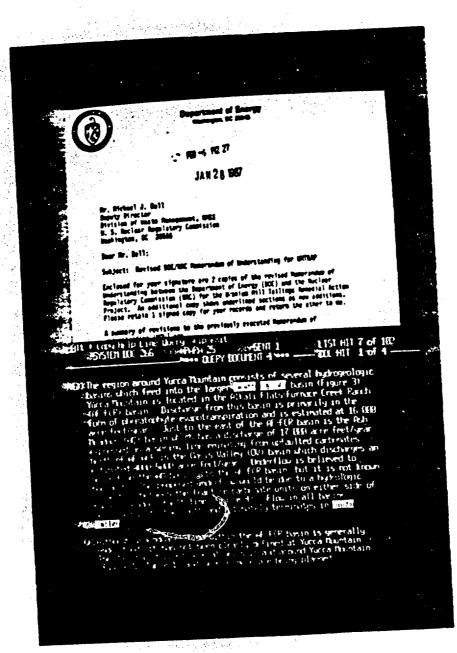


SINGLE WORKSTATION FOR INPUT/OUTPUT

(OPTICAL DISK DEMONSTRATION PROJECT)

**OPERATIONAL FULL TEXT (ONLY)** 

**SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM** 



## NRC TLSS AS OF TODAY

- Full Text Search/Retrieval Operational
  - 2000 HLW Documents
  - 900 Congressional Q's and A's
  - 10 CFR 60
  - Access to Database
    - -- Local PC's
    - -- Remote (With Modem)
  - "Real Time" Capture and Retrieval
- Image Capture and Retrieval Starts March 1987
- Prototype of Image/Text Optical Disk System Is Being Demonstrated

## THE PROCESS

SCAN

Paper Files, Handwritten Notes, Pictures

STORE

On Secure Optical Disk

**INDEX** 

Image Files, Full ASCII Text

**RETRIEVE** 

**Random Access** 

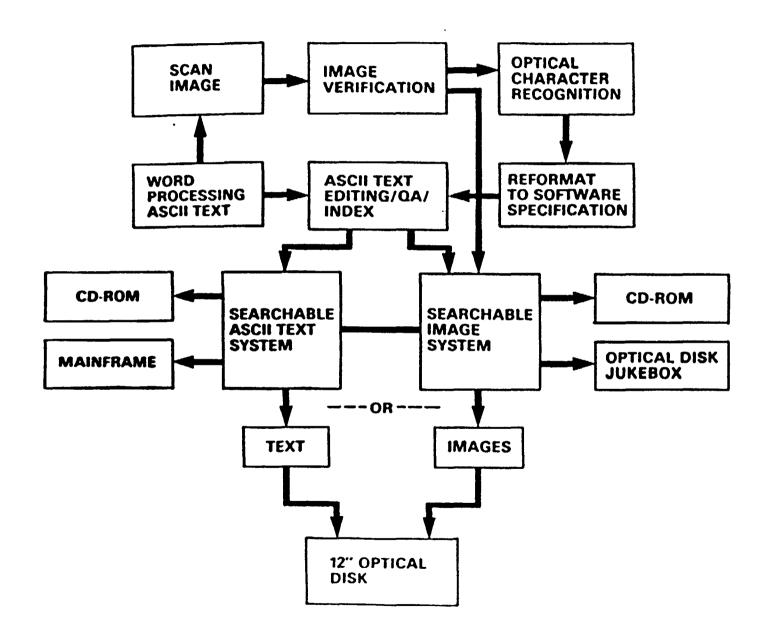
**BROWSE** 

- On Screen
- Multiple Windows

**PRINT** 

On Demand at Each Workstation

#### **TEXT AND IMAGE CAPTURE PROCESS**



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## **TECHNICAL CHALLENGES**

- Image File Transfer from Scanner to OCR
- Software/Hardware Integration
- Streamlining Database Creation Process

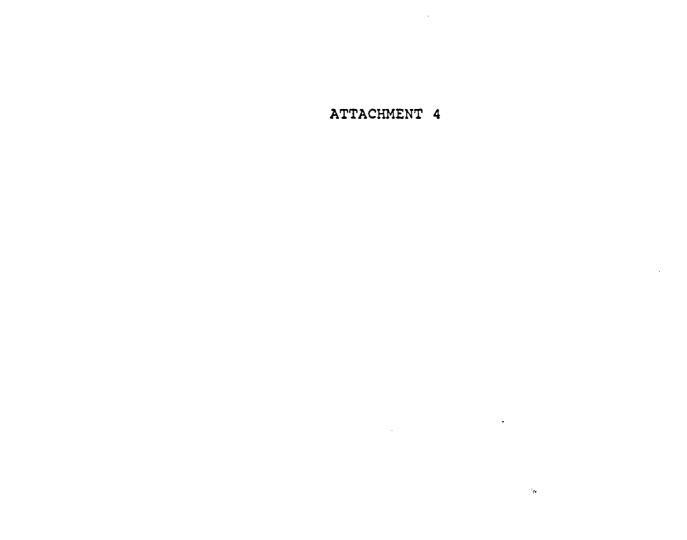
## **MAJOR SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

- Document Entry Workstation
  - Microcomputer/File Server
  - High Resolution Monitor (150 dpi)
  - Scanner (2.5 sec/page)
  - OCR (1 min/2000 char. page)
  - Printer (8 ppm)
  - Optical Disk (1.5 gb/side)
  - Hard Disk (200 MG)
- User Access Workstation
  - Communications (3270)
  - Word Processing
  - Text/Image Retrieval





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NRC REGULATORY NEGOTIATION -- AMENDMENTS TO 10 CFR PART 2

HOW CAN PARTIES OBTAIN INFORMATION

WHAT INFORMATION CAN PARTIES OBTAIN

WHAT ARE PARTIES' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS REGARDING DISCOVERY

#### HOW CAN PARTIES OBTAIN INFORMATION

FROM EACH OTHER THROUGH FORMAL DISCOVERY IN LICENSING BOARD HEARING

FROM NRC THROUGH FOIA AND PDR AND PURSUANT TO NWPA

FROM DOE THROUGH FOIA AND PURSUANT TO NWPA

FROM OTHER AGENCIES THROUGH FOIA

DISCOVERY IN LICENSING BOARD HEARINGS (10 CFR PART 2)

DOE SUBMITS APPLICATION

INTERESTED PARTIES MOVE TO INTERVENE

PREHEARING CONFERENCE (10 CFR 2.751)

ADMITS PARTIES

IDENTIFIES CONTESTED ISSUES

RELEVANCE FOR DISCOVERY IS TIED TO CONTESTED

ISSUES--COULD BE NARROWER THAN GENERAL RELEVANCE
FOR LSS

DISCOVERY (10 CFR 2.740-2.744)

TRADITIONAL DISCOVERY PURSUANT TO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

ALLOW REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS, INTERROGATORIES, DEPOSITIONS, ADMISSIONS

30 DAYS TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

LICENSING BOARD HAS DISCRETION TO CONTROL, LIMIT OR ESTABLISH TIMEFRAMES FOR DISCOVERY

OFTEN, DOCUMENTS SUCH AS DRAFTS, HANDWRITTEN NOTES, ETC., ARE IDENTIFIED DURING DEPOSITIONS--MAY BE ALTERNATIVE TO PLACING IN LSS

LICENSING BOARD HAS DISCRETION TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS
DISCRETION VERY BROAD
SANCTIONS IMPOSED HAVE BEEN VERY WEAK

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF NRC RECORDS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MUST BE SHOWN FOR DEPOSITIONS AND INTERROGATORIES

PRIVILEGED DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES BASED ON COMPELLING NEED

DISCLOSURE BY NRC PURSUANT TO PDR (10 CFR 2.790)

ALL FINAL NRC RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN PDR

PREDECISIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT MADE AVAILABLE

DOCUMENTS EXEMPT UNDER FOIA NOT MADE AVAILABLE

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN MICROFICHE AND SOME HARD COPY

#### DISCLOSURE BY NRC PURSUANT TO FOIA (10 CFR PART 9)

ANY DOCUMENTS CREATED OR OBTAINED (NRC HAS POSSESSION OR CONTROL) BY NRC IS AGENCY RECORD SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE

IF NRC ADMINISTERS LSS ARE DOCUMENTS IN LSS AGENCY RECORDS? PROBABLY NOT, SINCE MERE LOCATION DOES NOT ESTABLISH POSSESSION

ANY INDIVIDUAL MAY REQUEST DOCUMENTS

NO DEMONSTRATIONS OF RELEVANCE TO ANY PARTICULAR ISSUE NEED BE SHOWN

WITH EXCEPTION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION, NO OPPORTUNITY TO COMPEL DISCLOSURE OF PROPRIETARY OR PRIVILEGED DOCUMENTS BASED ON SHOWING OF NEED

PERSONAL RECORDS (UNCIRCULATED PERSONAL NOTES, PAPERS)
GENERALLY NOT CONSIDERED AGENCY RECORDS

REQUEST IS SUFFICIENT IF DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND WITH REASONABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT

AGENCY DUTY TO CONDUCT REASONABLE SEARCH -- FAILURE TO PRODUCE ALL DOCUMENTS NOT NECCESARILY UNREASONABLE

REFERENCE TO PDR IS SUFFICIENT

QUERY -- WILL FOIA REQUESTORS BE ABLE TO FORCE NRC TO CONDUCT SEARCHES USING LSS? WILL NRC BE ABLE TO REFER REQUESTORS TO LSS TERMINALS IN PDR OR OTHER LOCATIONS?

#### WHAT INFORMATION CAN PARTIES OBTAIN

#### UNDER FOIA

ALL NON-EXEMPT (NONPRIVILEGED) AGENCY RECORDS

#### UNDER DISCOVERY IN LICENSING PROCEEDING

ALL NONPRIVILEGED DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO ISSUES IN CONTENTION

#### WHAT IS AN AGENCY RECORD UNDER FOIA

NRC-

10 CFR 9.3a DEFINES RECORD AS:

"...ANY BOOK, PAPER, MAP, PHOTOGRAPH, BROCHURE, PUNCH CARD, MAGNETIC TAPE, PAPER TAPE, SOUND RECORDING, PAMPHLET, SLIDE MOTION PICTURE, OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL REGARDLESS OF FORM OR CHARACTERISTICS, MADE BY, IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NRC PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS..."

DOE

NO DEFINITION

JUDICIAL PRECEDENT

ANY RECORD CREATED OR OBTAINED BY AGENCY IS AGENCY RECORD

AGENCY OBTAINS RECORD WHEN IT HAS POSSESSION OR CONTROL

PERSONAL RECORDS NOT AGENCY RECORDS UNLESS USED FOR SOME OFFICIAL PURPOSE

#### FOIA EXEMPTIONS

- 1. MATTERS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED UNDER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO BE KEPT SECRET IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
- 2. RECORDS RELATED SOLELY TO THE INTERNAL PERSONNEL RULES AND PRACTICES OF AN AGENCY
- 3. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM DISCLOSURE BY STATUTE
- 4. TRADE SECRETS AND COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A PERSON, AND PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
- 5. INTER-AGENCY OR INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDA OR LETTERS THAT WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BY LAW TO A PARTY OTHER THAN AN AGENCY IN LITIGATION WITH ANOTHER AGENCY
- 6. PERSONNEL, MEDICAL OR SIMILAR FILES, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY
- 7. INVESTIGATORY RECORDS COMPILED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES
- 8.RECORDS RELATED TO THE REGULATION OR SUPERVISION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- 9. GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INFORMATION AND DATA CONCERNING WELLS

## EXEMPTION 1 CLASSIFIED NATIONAL DEFENSE

INCLUDES INFORMATION RELATING TO PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK

DOE DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING MEASURES TO PROTECT REPOSITORY MIGHT BE EXEMPT

DOE MUST "CERTIFY" THAT IT WILL PROVIDE AT GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY SAME SAFEGUARDS AS AT COMPARIBLE DOE FACILITIES (10 CFR 60.31(B)) - CONSTITUTES REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF SECURITY

#### EXEMPTION 4

TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### TRADE SECRET

ANY SECRET, COMMERCIALLY VALUABLE PLAN, FORMULA, PROCESS OR DEVICE THAT IS USED FOR THE MAKING, PREPARING, COMPOUNDING, OR PROCESSING OF TRADE COMMODITIES AND THAT CAN BE SAID TO BE THE END PRODUCT OF EITHER INNOVATION OR SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT

#### CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WITHHELD IF:

RELEASE WILL IMPAIR THE GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE ABILITY TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION

OR

RELEASE WILL LIKLEY CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL HARM TO COMPETITIVE POSITION OF SUBMITTER

## EXEMPTION 5 INTER-AGENCY / INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDA

#### INCLUDES TRADITIONAL DISCOVERY PRIVILEGES

ATTORNEY CLIENT

ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

EXECUTIVE - CONSTITUTION-BASED

DELIBERATIVE - COMMON LAW-BASED

#### ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

PROTECTS ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ATTORNEYS AND CLIENTS

INCLUDES FACTS

INCLUDES OPINIONS

INCLUDES COMMUNICATIONS NOT IN ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION

APPLIES TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS

#### ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT

RECORDS PREPARED IN ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION
PREPARED AT DIRECTION OF ATTORNEY
INCLUDES DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY CONSULTANTS

## INTER-AGENCY / INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDA DELIBERATIVE PROCESS

INCLUDES CONSULTANT DOCUMENTS GENERATED OUTSIDE AGENCY

DOCUMENT MUST BE PRE-DECISIONAL

DOCUMENT MUST REFLECT GIVE AND TAKE OF AGENCY CONSULTATIVE PROCESS - I.E., OPINION, RECOMMENDATION, ETC.

DRAFTS MAY BE EXEMPT - ESPECIALLY THOSE CIRCULATED FOR REVIEW

NOT APPLICABLE TO FACTUAL MATTERS - ALTHOUGH SUMMARIES OF FACTS OR SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL REPORTS MAY BE EXEMPT AS DELIBERATIVE MATERIALS.

# EXEMPTION 6 PERSONNEL RECORDS CLEARLY UNWARRANTED INVASION OF PRIVACY

PROTECTS INDIVIDUALS AGAINST RELEASE OF INTIMATE DETAILS

BALANCING TEST TO WEIGH

PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSURE

SERIOUSNESS OF INVASION OF PRIVACY

## EXEMPTION 9 GEOLOGICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND DATA

SPECIAL PROTECTION AFFORDED TO THIS TYPE OF COMERCIAL INFORMATION

APPLIES TO WELL INFORMATION OF A TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC NATURE

#### OBLIGATIONS IN DISCOVERY

REQUESTS MUST REASONABLY DESCRIBE DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION
RESPONDING PARTY MUST CONDUCT REASONABLE SEARCH

REASONABLY CALCULATED TO UNCOVER ALL RELEVANT RECORDS

MAY BE REQUIRED TO UTILIZE COMPUTER LITIGATION SUPPORT SYSTEM

MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGEABLE PARTY TO ASSIST IN SEARCH

MAY BE REQUIRED TO WRITE PROGRAMS TO SEARCH SYSTEM ACCESS TO COMPUTER MUST BE AUTHORIZED

COURT OR LICENSING BOARD MAY LIMIT OR ABUSE OR EXCESSIVELY BURDENSOME REQUESTS OR REQUIRE REQUESTING PARTY TO PAY COSTS

#### RIGHTS TO DISCOVERY IN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

#### NO ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO DISCOVERY

BROAD AGENCY DISCRETION TO FASHION DISCOVERY PROCEDURES

NWPA (SECTION 114(d) CITES NO SPECIFIC HEARING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED

REFERS TO PROCEDURES UNDER EXISTING LAW WHICH INCLUDE FORMAL HEARING PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY NRC FOR CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

DISCOVERY MUST BE SUFFICIENT TO AFFORD DUE PROCESS

#### ADMINISTRATIVE DUE PROCESS

OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

DUE NOTICE OF HEARING

FAIR CONDUCT OF HEARING

SUPPORT IN RECORD FOR DECISION

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED FINDINGS AND TENTATIVE REPORT

OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD UPON EXCEPTIONS TO REPORT

#### DUE PROCESS AND DISCOVERY

CONSTITUTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PARTY TO BE AWARE OF ALL EVIDENCE, INFORMATION AND LEADS TO WHICH AN OPPOSING PARTY HAS ACCESS

ACTION LIMITING DISCOVERY MUST BE SHOWN TO HAVE PREJUDICED PARTY'S CASE TO BE VIOLATIVE OF DUE PROCESS

#### JURISDICTIONAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO LSS

NO INDEPENDANT NRC JURISDICTION OVER PERSONS NOT PARTIES TO A LICENSING BOARD PROCEEDING

NO JURISDICTION TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH LSS REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO HEARING

AUTHORITY FOR NRC TO DEFINE CONDITIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS PARTY IN PROCEEDING

MAY INCLUDE CONDITIONS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH LSS

ATTACHMENT 6

September 12, 1987

Mr. Howard S. Bellman 1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Suite 413 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Bellman:

The purpose of this letter is to tell you, the High-Level Waste Licensing Support System Advisory Committee, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that Mr. Stephen T. Bradhurst represents the Nye County Board of County Commissioners on all nuclear waste repository matters. Therefore, Mr. Bradhurst's September 16 and 17 comments before the HLW Licensing Support System Advisory Committee regarding the following are accurate:

- 1. The Conservation Foundation should have contacted counties and cities located near the proposed repository sites in order to inform them of the NRC negotiated rulemaking effort to revise NRC's Rules of Practice in 10 CFR Part 2 to provide for the use on an electronic information management system referred to as the Licensing Support System (LSS).
- 2. The Conservation Foundation should have invited, at a minimum, the situs local governments or their repository organizations to participate as voting members on the first tier of participants.
- 3. A seat should be provided for affected local government on the first tier. These local governments (e.g. Mid Columbia Consortium of Governments, Southern Nevada local governments, etc.) will be more than happy to participate as a coalition with a spokesman.

It is Nye County's hope that the Committee and NRC do not perpetuate a situation that has existed where affected local governments have been told by DOE, the affected states, and affected state legislatures to put their trust in their state and state legislature to properly address local government repository impacts and concerns.

Mr. Howard S. Bellman September 12, 1987 Page two

Remember, once a decision is made on a repository site it is highly likely that state politicians will go on to other emotional and vote-getting issues, and the affected local governments will have to live with a repository and its impacts, risks, etc. everyday.

Enclosed for your information and use is a copy of my April 29, 1987, testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. This testimony gives you a good picture of Nye County's concerns and position regarding the siting, construction and operation of a repository at Yucca Mountain. Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to read it.

Sincerely,

Noe S. Garcia, Jr., Chairman, Nye County Commissioners

JSG/gl

cc: William Olmstead, Assistant General Council for Hearings, NRC

Stephen T. Bradhurst, Nye County Planning Consultant

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THALIA M. DONDERO Vice-Chairman



Board of County Commissioners

CLARK COUNTY BRIDGER BUILDING 225 BRIDGER AVENUE LAS YEGAS, NEVADA 80155 (702) 486-3500

October 7, 1987

Howard Bellman The Conservation Foundation 1250 24th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mr. Bellman:

It has come to our attention that during the development of the Licensing and Support System, an advisory committee will be established to define the elements needed for licensing review.

As a Commissioner of Clark County, a community potentially significantly impacted by the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository and a member of the State of Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects, I urge you to consider representation by local government on the coordinating committee. Examples of items of concern to citizens and elected officials in Clark County include the proposed transport of nuclear waste through metropolitan Las Vegas and the influx of thousands of workers and their families to the community.

Local communities will ultimately bear the brunt of impacts resulting from decisions made to implement the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. It is important, therefore, for affected communities to be included as part of the process to define the elements to be considered in licensing the repository. Local communities will have to provide services, consider impacts and evaluate the implications of a repository to their local economies. It is important, therefore, to have a local perspective on the committee.

The lack of a strong role for local government in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act is a glaring deficiency. Having local representation will ensure that the licensing issues are evaluated in a comprehensive manner.

THALIA M. DONDERO Commissioner

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Sincerely,

### Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Nevada

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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LENARD SMITH
KEITH WHIPPLE

P.O. BOX 90, PIOCHE, NEVADA 89043 TELEPHONE 962-5390 DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JAMES L. WADSWORTH

COUNTY CLERK CORRINE WALKER

October 6, 1987

The Conservation Foundation 1250 24th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037

Attn: Howard Bellman

RE: Local Government Participation in First Tier Negotiations Regarding Licensing

Support Systems

Dear Mr. Bellman:

Lincoln County respectfully requests that the Commission consider formal inclusion of local government as a representative to the first tier of negotiations regarding development of a Licensing and Support System. Local governments such as Lincoln County are closest to the general public likely to be directly effected by the siting, construction, operation and decommissioning of a high level nuclear waste repository. Typically local governments, to which local residents first look for representation and public services, are not included as a direct participant in national policy making. Such an oversight typically results in such policies being promulgated in a manner insensitive to local government needs.

Local government cannot be expected to look to nor depend upon state government to be representative of local government concerns. As is the case with various environmental or other special interest groups, the needs of local government are often widely divergent from those of state or federal entities.

I believe local government representation to the first tier of licensing support system negotiations would help to ensure that such negotiations results in a fully adequate licensing support system. Omission of such representation will almost assuredly reduce the effectiveness and acceptability of the system.

Your consideration to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely

Lenard Smith

Commissioner



#### CITY OF CALIENTE

P.O. BOX 158 CALIENTE, NEVADA 89008 (702) 726-3132

October 6, 1987

The Conservation Foundation 1250 24th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037

Attn: Howard Bellman

RE: Local Government Participation in First Tier Negotiations Regarding Licensing

Support Systems

Dear Mr. Bellman:

The City of Caliente respectfully requests that the Commission consider formal inclusion of local government as a representative to the first tier of negotiations regarding development of a Licensing and Support System. Local governments such as the City of Caliente are closest to the general public likely to be directly effected by the siting, construction, operation and decommissioning of a high level nuclear waste repository. Typically local governments, to which local residents first look for representation and public services, are not included as a direct participant in national policy making. Such an oversight typically results in such policies being promulgated in a manner insensitive to local government needs.

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Your consideration to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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#### MID-COLUMBIA CONSORTIUM OF GOVERNMENTS c/o City of Richland P. O. Box 190 Richland, WA 99352

October 13, 1987

Mr. Howard S. Bellman CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 119 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Suite 413 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Bellman:

The Mid-Columbia Consortium of Governments is composed of fifteen governmental jurisdictions located in close proximity to the Hanford Reservation in southeast Washington. The Consortium was formed for the purpose of serving as a unified focal point for interaction with the state and federal governments on matters related to the potential location of a high-level nuclear waste repository at Hanford. In short, the Mid-Columbia Consortium of Governments is the official arm of those governmental jurisdictions in Washington State that are most dramatically affected by the potential location of a high-level waste repository at Hanford. In total, the Consortium represents approximately 200,000 people residing in the Mid-Columbia region.

I write you in your capacity as facilitator for NRC negotiated rulemaking related to the revision of 10 CFR, Part 2, providing for the use of an Electronic Information Management System. The Mid-Columbia Consortium of Governments deems it most vital that you be aware of the need for affected local governments to be involved in the first tier of participants during any such negotiations.

We join with our counterparts from Nye County, Nevada, and Deaf Smith County, Texas, in requesting your assistance in securing a seat for affected local government as the activities of the High-Level Waste Licensing Support System Advisory Committee move ahead.

NEAL J. SHULMAN Vice Chairman

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Mid-Columbia Consortium

of Governments

cc: Steve Bradhurst
Nye County, Nevada

Phil Niedzielski-Eichner Waste Deposit Impact Committee Deaf Smith County, Texas

MCG Executive Committee