

## RULEMAKING COORDINATING COMMITTEE

February 12, 2002, Meeting

Attendees: C. Carpenter, S. West, J. Nakoski, NRR; T. Holahan, A. Howe, M. Galloway, M. Horn, NMSS; S. Treby, N. Jensen, OGC; K. Greene, J. Heck, OEDO; M. Lesar, C. Gallagher, B. Golden, D. Mendiola, L. Riani, ADM

We jumped from topic to topic but, for the purposes of this summation, I'll proceed in agenda order.

### 1. Rulemaking Website: Access to public comment - NMSS/NRR review of comment libraries.

NMSS and NRR agreed to review comments on their ongoing rulemakings and petitions for potentially sensitive security information or discussion threads to determine if a vulnerability exists and, if so, the extent of the problem.

NMSS identified 25 actions on RuleForum for which they were the lead office. Of these 25 items, only the Part 71 proposed revision (AG71) and the petition from the State of Nevada (PRM-73-10) could potentially contain material that would be withheld under the criteria for release of information contained in the proposed guidance to the staff. NMSS will evaluate these items further when the guidance to the staff becomes final.

NRR is directing each project manager to review the rulemaking actions and petitions for rulemaking for which he or she is responsible.

### 2. NRC Rules and Regulations (4 volume loose-leaf set).

Because a significant portion the of the information contained in the *NRC Rules and Regulations* is available on the internet through various OFR/GPO/NRC sites, ADM requested that NRR, NMSS, and OGC determine the extent to which the *NRC Rules and Regulations* is used by the rulemaking staff in their respective offices. ADM also requested that OGC also poll the other portions of OGC that currently use the publication.

The staff of NRR rarely uses the *NRC Rules and Regulations*; they indicated a preference for using online materials. NRR suggested that we considering using an electronic medium that would provide text search capability to produce the publication. C. Carpenter later suggested that we contact RES before taking any action because of RES activity in preparation for a potentially significant rulemaking efforts in Part 50.

Conversely, NMSS indicated that their staff used the *NRC Rules and Regulations* on a regular basis. They cited packaging convenience, particularly with reference to background materials.

OGC strongly supported continued publication of the *NRC Rules and Regulations* because it provides an extremely useful and valuable resource, particularly for the rulemaking and hearings attorneys. They also mentioned convenience and efficiency because a user could easily access and refer to a series of documents. OGC hearings attorneys enjoy the ability to

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