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A number of activities have occurred since the last update:

#### Status of Our Licensees

Although there still has been no specific, credible threat to any of our licensed facilities, our licensees remain at their highest level of security.

The NRC has issued four more Information Assessment Team (IAT) Advisory Updates to Category 3 Fuel Facilities and Conversion Facilities, Nuclear Power Plants, Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and Non-Power Reactor licensees. The advisories communicate certain actions that are intended to enhance safety and safeguards at NRC-licensed facilities. Additionally, on October 16 NRC issued a threat advisory to all materials licensees to establish and maintain a high level of alertness to security-related matters due to the strong possibility of retaliatory actions by terrorists. The contents of the advisories are limited to those who have a need to know and, of course, may not be shared with the public.

#### Web page/ADAMS review

Our external web site has been shut down temporarily until we can perform a more comprehensive review of material that may be considered sensitive. The external web page is available to NRC staff. Staff in the major program offices did an extraordinary job working through the weekend to identify documents to be removed. We are adding information to the web incrementally. On October 17, the following material was returned to the web page: selected press releases, public meeting notices, employment opportunities, NRC's Mission Statement, and reporting a safety concern. We are in the process of determining what materials can be appropriately shared with the public through the web page. You will be receiving a separate network announcement on that soon.

Also, although we have been sensitized to the need for removing certain information from our web page and from the ADAMS public library, this does not relieve the agency of requirements under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Therefore, staff should continue to assist the FOIA team in complying with all requests. You should be receiving further guidance from OCIO regarding FOIA requests.

We know there have been questions from local libraries and licensees as to whether certain information should be restricted, such as Final Safety Analysis Reports (FSARs). No restrictions have been given to external entities regarding distribution of this type of information. At this time, we currently have no plans to request local libraries or other depositories of information outside of NRC to remove information or prohibit public release of information. Our goal is to make certain information on the web and ADAMS less conveniently available.

The ADAMS Public Library (PARS) is still available. Please contact the PDR staff for search assistance or access information.

#### Adams "Lessons Learned" Report

As you may be aware, this past June, we discovered that a number of documents designated as sensitive and/or not publicly available had been incorrectly placed in the ADAMS Public Library. I took this matter very seriously and directed that a task force be established to conduct an in depth review of the process and controls which place documents in the PAR.

The task force found that the risk of inadvertently releasing a properly profiled document is low, since immediate corrective actions were taken following the event. Corrective actions included development of

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a software script that automatically shuts down the PARS if a document profiled as sensitive or non-public is detected. Other corrective actions have also been initiated.

I am committed to further enhancing our confidence in ADAMS and its ability to provide information while protecting sensitivity of documents.

The full report is available in ADAMS at ML012530318.

#### Historic Event

President Bush addressed his top leadership team at a historic event at Constitution Hall Monday. NRC sent its Presidential Rank Award winners and other SES representatives to receive the President's personal thanks for their extraordinary efforts during the current crisis and for their daily efforts on behalf of American citizens. A truly exciting day for them!

#### Media and Public Inquiries

Staff should continue to refer all media and public inquiries to the Office of Public Affairs, 401-415-8200.

Again, my sincere thanks to all the NRC staff for your continued professionalism and positive attitudes!