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To highlight other activities that have occurred since last week:

The web page review is progressing and the web staff is to be commended for their very detailed, thorough and time-consuming work of deleting and re-building the web site. Our web page has consistently been a "badge of honor" for the agency and we intend for it to stay that way. We will be tying in our rebuilding of the site to the web redesign, since that project was well underway already. The ADAMS staff has also been busily at work deleting documents that were determined to be inappropriate for public disclosure early on in our agency wide public information review. They deserve a huge pat on the back for their dedication and hard work.

In response to the Chairman's September 28 tasking memorandum, a task force has been assembled to examine the agency's response to the September 11 terrorist attacks regarding our safeguards and physical security programs. Their first project will be to develop a Commission paper which describes the framework for a proposed course of action and target schedules and milestones. The paper is due to the Commission by the end of November.

The next SES candidate development program class was announced on October 12. If you are interested, I encourage you to submit your completed application form, through each successive supervisory level, to your Office Director/Regional Administrators no later than November 21, 2001. Applications are due to HR by December 10. Because I have allowed offices the option of extending the date for completing 2001 performance appraisals, they are not required to be submitted as part of the application package. Applicants must address only the rating factors. Two information sessions about the program will be held on Wednesday October 24 in the Auditorium: from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., and from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (Eastern time). See the network announcement and internal web site for more details.

The Office of Homeland Security has requested that NRC participate in its briefings and certain activities. We will be sending representatives to participate.

We received several responses to the last EDO Update, dated October 18, regarding the accuracy of the information regarding no specific, credible threat to any of our licensed facilities. We regret that the information sent to the staff was not current at the time of receipt. However, this incident illustrates how difficult it is to keep up with the pace of today's news and the agency's response. Therefore, we have begun to include a date and time on the EDO updates so you can clearly see at which point in time the information was current.

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