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- Presentation by
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LPDR.

Public Access to Sensitive NRC Documents

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Topics

- Background
- Document Collections
- Communication with Entities
- Issues
- Factors in NRC Decision-making

Background

- Previous to ADAMS, NRC documents widely disseminated through:
 - Former Local Public Document Rooms
 - Government Printing Office (GPO)
 - Federal Depository Libraries
 - GPO and National Technical Information Service's (NTIS) Sales Programs

- FOR NRC
- APPROX 2 million
documents
publicly
available for
25 yrs
prior to
ADAMS -

Document Collections

- Collections vary for these entities in terms of content and format.
- Collections are owned by these entities rather than the NRC.
- A very small number of documents in these collections are now considered sensitive and are being removed from the ADAMS Public Library and restricted from public access in the PDR

*Contains
NRC's
no
longer
available
PSAR,
FSAR,
Emergency Plans
IP TR-16 G's*

Communication with Entities

- Chairman told RAs that utilities could take actions they believed appropriate with regard to NRC documents housed in libraries.
- Numerous libraries and utilities calling PDR asking for guidance.
- Formally communicated with NTIS and GPO regarding options for removing or restricting public access to sensitive documents.

Issues

Notes: - There are other
organizations (SERIALS)
that have NRC's
collection of
2 million documents
e.g. British
Scientific

- We can request but not require that entities take actions.
- GPO will not allow removal of indexes to control public access to individual documents on 48x microfiche, which restricts options.
- NRC not currently consistent in public access to its documents.

Factors in NRC Decision-making

- Libraries report low to no usage of NRC document collections
- Limited choices with regard to 48x microfiche collection
- Review of NRC documents and criteria ongoing.
- Any actions taken now may be difficult to undo.