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Release to Web of Risk-Informed RGs

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Release 4 of new information to the NRC public web site will be published at the end of this month. OCIO has prepared RGs 1.174 - 1.178, 1.182, and 1.183 for this release. Release of these guides is, however, dependent upon RES management approval which confirms that the documents do not contain sensitive information. The first six guides [DRAA related] address risk-informed decision making for various activities (i.e., specific changes to licensing basis, IST and IST, graded QA, tech specs, maintenance). The last guide [DSARE related] addresses radiological source terms. The guides can be found at the following internal development site:

http://nrcweb:300/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors-active/index.html

These guides were previously reviewed and "approved" for release by an agency-wide executive team that performed sensitivity reviews for several months after 9/11. Nonetheless, your approval as the cognizant RES division director is required to release these guides to the web. Please have cognizant staff review the identified guides for sensitive information based upon the attached interim guidance. [This guidance is comprised of 1) the original staff criteria which the Commission disapproved and 2) Commission guidance for revising the original criteria.] Based on these reviews, please advise me by e-mail by COB Thursday (2/21) whether you approve release of the identified guide(s) related to your division to the NRC public web site. Your approval will confirm that each approved guide does not contain sensitive information that can be misused by those with malevolent intentions toward NRC-regulated facilities and activities.

Thanks for your help.

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