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Attached is an updated table interpreting the Commission guidance on "availability of information" (SRM Item #2).

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SRM Item #2: "The NRC should not withhold information that is already currently widely available to the public. For example, information that had been previously placed in the physical PDRs or previously on the NRC web page should not necessarily be considered "currently widely available". However, information currently available to the public via ADAMS or the web may be considered widely available."

This direction seems to divide NRC documents into three parts and provides direction on releasability decisions. The fourth part is added for completeness.

Interpretation Issue: General. Public access to the same type of document will differ depending on the current storage medium of the document. This logic will be difficult to explain to the public.

	Groups of Documents	Interpretation of Commission direction	Interpretation or Policy Question/Issue	Implementation questions
1	Documents that were on NRC Web or PARS, housed in the PDR, or sold through NTIS or GPO but were withdrawn in response to 9/11 events	These should not be thought of as "currently widely available" and should be reviewed against any new criteria before being re-released.	None.	What is the plan, process, and time line for accomplishing this review?
New 2	<i>Pre-ADAMS documents stored in PDR in paper and NUDOCS microfiche. These were distributed to LPDRS and some were sold via GPO. Some of these may still be available via NTIS and other information databases.</i>	These should not be thought of as "currently widely available" even though they may have been in the public domain for many many years.	Should the PDR staff continue to screen public requests for access to documents and provide those of concern for review? If a category of information that NRC previously made publicly available will now be withheld, should NRC withdraw older documents of that type from sources where practical?	

<p>2 3</p>	<p>Documents that are now on:</p> <p>a. NRC Web and/or</p> <p>b. PARS (ADAMS public library)</p> <p>c. <u>new group not mentioned in SRM.</u> There is another group of currently available documents – The PDR's BRS electronic database, which will become the ADAMS Public Legacy Library, currently has about ???## electronic full-text files.</p>	<p>These should be thought of as "currently widely available". They do not have to be systematically reviewed against new criteria.</p>	<p>Should any effort be put forth to look within these collections for documents that meet the SHSI criteria?</p> <p>If documents on PARS or the BRS are identified that meet the new criteria, should they be withheld even if they are widely currently available?</p>	<p>If yes, how would this review be done?</p>
<p>3 4</p>	<p>Documents from day forward</p>	<p>Documents currently not publicly available and all new documents should be reviewed against the new criteria.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Existing process will need to be modified to accomplish the new criteria. Do incoming documents need to be reviewed by NRC staff?</p>