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John:
Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has one comment regarding the proposed documents on the information intelligence initiative dated March 28.

We believe there is an inconsistency with respect to the statement on p. 4, Sec. 1.2., (b) of the draft OMB memo and the Andrew Card memo to all agencies, dated March 19 (Action to Safeguard Information Regarding WMD and Other sensitive Documents Related to Homeland Security). The draft OMB memo states, "Reviewing officials must ensure that the information associated with a threat or vulnerability to a critical infrastructure is of current significance, i.e., is not out-of-date before designating it as SHSI." However, the Andrew Card memo states that government information, "regardless of its age ... should not be disclosed inappropriately." We believe there needs to be some clarification reconciling these differing statements to emphasize that the relevance of the information to be disclosed is more important than its age.

Also, we believe some guidance is needed on the extent of the retrospective look (through agency public records) that should be made to identify potential SHSI.

My apologies for not getting comments back to you sooner.

NRC will attend the PCC meeting on Wednesday.

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