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From: Debra Engel
To: A. Lynn Silvious; Henry Bailey; Mindy Landau; Tim McGinty
Date: 4/1/02 5:08PM
Subject: Re: Wording for OHS meeting

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Please let me know if there is any further assistance that I can provide.
Debbie

>> A. Lynn Silvious 04/01/02 04:15PM >>>

Mindy
Rather than "current significance," or just "significance," I think they need to focus on the relevance of the information....it may be quite old, hence not current, but still relevant.....somehow significance (which speaks more to importance) doesn't seem to capture the quality of being germane or pertinent which is what they are really getting at, I think. als

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>>> Mindy Landau 4/1/2002 >>>

Henry and Tim,

Below is some wording I believe we can use to comment on the white paper/OMB memo.

NRC's comment on the March 28 memo from [] enclosing the White Paper on [] from OMB, is as follows:

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There is an inconsistency with respect to the statement on p. 4, Sec. 1.2., (b) (OMB memo) and the Andrew Card memo to all agencies, dated March 19. The OMB memo states, "Reviewing officials must ensure that the information associated with a [] is of current [] 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 significance of the information to be disclosed is more important than its age.

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From: Richard Wessman
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Subject: OHS PCC on Information Intelligence Initiative

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associated with a threat or vulnerability to a critical infrastructure is of current significance, i.e., is not out-of-date before designating it as SHSI."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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