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Date: 2/15/02 2:12PM
Subject: RE: NRC's NUDOC Collection

Tom:

I thought you ought to see this message that was forwarded to us by a depository librarian. I think our friends at SUNY/Oswego have really overstepped their authority by "requesting" other libraries follow their practice of restricting public access to the NRC fiche collection. I think we are going to have to quickly send something to the other libraries and tell them to disregard Ms. Bennett's message.

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-----Original Message-----
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My library, Penfield Library, is one of the libraries that kept the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Local Public Document Room's NUDOC microfiche 1981 - 1999. According to a list of items selected, you have this collection too. It is now part of the GPO Depository collection, item number 1051-H-45, SuDoc number Y3.N88:62/.

We have spoken with NRC and GPO staff on numerous occasions about this collection.

NRC is currently reviewing this national microfiche collection for sensitive material. The NRC's PDR (Public Document Room) IS screening requests for fiche in their NUDOC microfiche collection and is not giving out sensitive material.

Penfield Library has moved this fiche collection to a non-public area. Access to this collection is through the PDR who will screen requests and give fiche numbers only for non-sensitive documents. People who signed up with NRC for a username and password can still use the online BRS (Bibliographic Retrieval System) index to find fiche numbers. When they

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request a fiche, we will still go through the PDR to see if the fiche should be given out.

To protect the security of our nation's nuclear plants, including the three near us, we are requesting libraries with this fiche collection to do likewise. NRC has told us that it will be several weeks until we have instructions on which fiche to remove. We are concerned about continuing to provide access to possible sensitive fiche as we wait for these instructions.

Please contact me if you need more information.

The people we have spoken to are:
Ms. Teresa Linton NRC's Public Document Room (800-397-4209);
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Thank you.

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The Library Programs Service has been notified that many of you have received an email message from Mary Bennett of the State University of New York, Oswego, urging you to restrict public access to a portion of your depository library collections, specifically the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) publications on microfiche.

Please be advised that Ms. Bennett has no authority to make such a request. Only the Superintendent of Documents has the authority to request that depository libraries withdraw or secure publications in their depository collections. No such official request has been made.

Furthermore, the NRC has not requested GPO to direct depostory libraries to take any actions regarding the NRC microfiche. GPO remains in close contact with NRC officials concerning these materials.

The U.S. Government Printing Office takes its responsibility to assure free public access to depository library collections very seriously. We do not condone this unofficial request to restrict public access, and we urge you to disregard it.

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