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To: (Cahners-NYC), Oder, Norman
Date: 2/22/02 3:41PM
Subject: RE: question from Library Journal re NUDOC controversy

Hi, Norm - Thanks for your voice mail and email with attachments on this topic. Following is what I know to date about NRC assistance to librarians.

In the wake of 9/11, NRC has worked very closely with GPO and also been in contact with the former local public document room librarians. The agency has been hard at work reviewing NRC's document collection for information which might be useful to terrorists. This review is expected to be completed in upcoming weeks. To date, however, NRC has not provided GPO with any document restrictions. Should NRC recall documents it feels may pose a security threat, NRC will notify GPO. Any guidance from the NRC to the Federal depository libraries will come through the Superintendent of Documents.

NRC's Public Document Room staff continues to be available to assist librarians if they have questions at 1-800-397-4209 or pdr@nrc.gov.

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>>> "Oder, Norman (Cahners-NYC)" <noder@lj.cahners.com> 02/22/02 02:34PM >>>
Ms. Virgilio--

To follow up on my phone call, I'm working on an article for Library Journal on the apparent controversy regarding a request to restrict NRC publications in libraries. (see e-mails pasted in below)

I'd like to know more about this: what kind of comments have you received from other libraries? is NRC preparing new instructions for libraries? is NRC's PDR screening users of this microfiche more closely than depository libraries?

I am on deadline, so I'd appreciate it if you could call me this afternoon or Monday morning.

Thanks for your consideration.

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----- Forwarded message -----
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2002 15:17:08 -0500
From: "Baldwin, Ernest G." <ebaldwin@gpo.gov>
Subject: RE: NRC's NUDOC Collection

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

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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 depository 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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-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Bennett [<mailto:bennettm@Oswego.EDU>]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 11:13 AM
Subject: NRC's NUDOC Collection

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

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);

Mr. Thomas Smith, Head of the Public Document Room

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Ms. Robin Haun-Mohamed, Chief, Depository Services, GPO

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Thank you.

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