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TO: Members of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel

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RE: Draft Notification and Memorandum of Agreement (NMA) Covering LSN Security

The design and initial operations of the Licensing Support Network (LSN) have been examined by NRC's Office of the Inspector General as part of a scheduled, routine audit that is still ongoing. Early discussions, however, indicated the need for additional attention to LSN security matters. Specifically, the LSN Administrator has prepared a draft Notification and Memorandum of Agreement (NMA) documenting mutual understandings of security responsibilities. This NMA is intended to comply with Office of Management and Budget regulations relating to federal government ownership and management of automated information resources. (See, OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix III). It documents four key understandings:

1. The information that a Participant places on its server and that is retrievable through the LSN will be available to the public.
2. The LSN Administrator will be responsible for protecting the LSN and support each Participant in its efforts to protect its respective server(s) from a denial of service attack.
3. Each Participant will be responsible for protecting its respective server(s) from intrusion attacks launched directly against its server(s).
4. Each Participant and the LSN Administrator has read, understands, and agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 10 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart J that relate to the security of the LSN and each respective Participant's server(s).

NRC requests your comments on the draft NMA document and any observations you may have about the best way to go about implementing it.

While the individual signing on behalf of the participant organization should be authorized to commit that organization to security responsibilities, it may be someone other than the individual acting as the LSNARP point of contact or the person who will be certifying document collection availability pursuant to Subpart J. In this regard, we ask your assistance in identifying the appropriate individual to address server security responsibilities for your organization.

We request your comments on these two items by May 14, 2004. Comments may be forwarded to me either electronically via e-mail at DJG2@NRC.GOV or via hardcopy to:

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