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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Subject: Participant Request for Licensing Support Network (LSN) Access Control  
Prior to Initial Certification

Dear Mr. Graser:

As provided in Chapter 23 of the April 2004 Licensing Support Guidelines (Access Control Guidelines), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submits this request for access control prior to its initial certification under 10 CFR 2.1003(a). As requested in the Access Control Guidelines, DOE provides the following information:

DOE currently estimates that the size of its document collection to be made available at the time of its initial certification is approximately one million documents consisting of approximately 12 million pages. DOE expects to begin populating its participant website with these documents on or about May 5, 2004, with weekly feeds thereafter. The feed for the initial, as well as subsequent weeks will approximate 150,000 documents, which we understand is the current weekly capacity of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) technical staff to crawl documents for the LSN. An exact schedule will be determined after consultation between the DOE and the NRC technical staff to ensure that operational and technical factors are considered.

DOE requests acknowledgement from the NRC that DOE will be provided access control pursuant to Access Control Guidelines for the documents that DOE populates on its participant website prior to its initial certification. Additionally, DOE understands the Access Control Guidelines to mean (i) that the documents DOE populates on its participant website will not be in any way released to the web, identified in response to web queries, or otherwise disclosed by the NRC before DOE makes its initial certification per 10 CFR 2.1003(a); (ii) that DOE can recall documents for any reason prior to its initial certification; and (iii) that DOE does not waive any privileges by providing documents to the NRC technical staff for crawling pursuant to the Access Control Guidelines. DOE requests NRC's confirmation that this understanding of the Access Control Guidelines is correct.

Mr. Daniel J. Graser

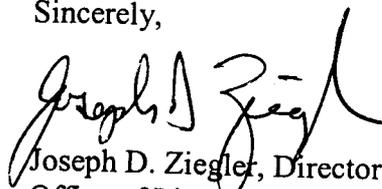
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In consideration of DOE's desire to begin populating its participant website this week as early as Wednesday, May 5, 2004, DOE requests by May 5, 2004, NRC's acknowledgement that it will be providing access control and confirmation that DOE's understanding of the Access Control Guidelines on the three points referenced above is correct.

If you have any questions, please contact Harry E. Leake at (702) 794-1457 or e-mail at [harry\\_leake@ymp.gov](mailto:harry_leake@ymp.gov).

Sincerely,



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