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MEMORANDUM TO: Arnold E. Levin, Deputy Director, IRM
FROM: John C. Boyle, *John C. Boyle* Chairman, LSS Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM ADVISORY REVIEW
PANEL MEETING - APRIL 14-15, 1994

The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel (LSSARP) held a meeting on the afternoon of September 9, 1994, at NRC Headquarters, Two White Flint North building. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Panel with the status of NRC and DOE activities with respect to the LSS since the Panel's meeting of April 14-15, 1994. The agenda for the meeting and list of attendees are attached.

Highlights of the meeting are summarized below.

1. Status Report of LSS Administrator

Mr. Levin, LSS Administrator, noted that the Panel, at its last meeting, agreed that NRC and DOE should explore the concept of achieving NRC control of the operation of the LSS by DOE through the assignment of the LSS Administrator as the DOE contracting officer's technical representative (COTR). He reported that discussions with internal NRC legal staff and procurement experts had uncovered no reasons why the COTR mechanism could not be used. There was general discussion of the desirability of Panel review of the DOE contracting document containing the anticipated COTR provision.

Commitments: NRC will determine the feasibility of LSSARP review of the language of DOE's draft contract for management of the LSS prior to publication and execution.
(NRC action)

2. Status Report of DOE

Ms. Newbury, DOE's Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (YMSCO), described the organizational changes at DOE headquarters and at the Yucca Mountain office which have had an impact on management of LSS development. Mr. Cline, DOE contractor representative, described the activity of the LSS Working Group established by the YMSCO to re-evaluate the LSS concept, develop a milestone schedule for its development and implementation, develop cost comparisons, and develop and evaluate viable

options. A draft report is due to DOE on 9/30/94. Panel members expressed considerable interest in the re-evaluation effort and raised concerns regarding the method of estimating the volume of documents being accumulated by each party, and the need to revisit all design assumptions previously agreed upon in the LSS rulemaking negotiations.

Commitments: DOE will brief the Panel on the results of its LSS re-evaluation at the next LSSARP meeting. DOE is to provide the re-evaluation materials when they become available for circulation to the members well in advance of the meeting. DOE will also provide its views on the viability of the COTR concept at the next meeting.
(DOE action)

3. Formation of Technical Subgroup

This subject was not discussed. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commitment: The Panel Chairman will place this topic on the next agenda. (Panel Chairman action)

4. Topical Guidelines Update

Mr. Cameron, NRC, noted that NRC was evaluating the public comments it has received on the draft Regulatory Guide and was planning to issue the final guide in April 1995.

Commitment: The Panel Chairman will explore having an additional update on this topic at the next meeting.
(Panel Chairman action)

5. Use of LSS on Pilot Project Basis

As a follow-up to a discussion at the April 1994 meeting, Mr. Murphy, Nye County representative, asked whether DOE was prepared to respond to the suggestion that the LSS functionality be tested on a pilot project basis using documents pertinent to the Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) project. Ms. Newbury said DOE's preliminary view indicated that such a test would not be appropriate; she said would develop a further DOE response for the next meeting.

Commitment: DOE is to respond at the next meeting to the Nye County suggestion.
(DOE action)

6. Future Agenda Discussion

The Panel agreed to hold the next meeting on December 12 and 13, 1994 in Las Vegas, NV. DOE will provide appropriate meeting space.

Commitment: The Panel Chairman will provide an agenda and information concerning meeting location.

(Panel Chairman action)

Attachments:

1. Agenda for September 9, 1994 Meeting
2. Attendance List

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner de Planque
LSSARP Members
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LSS ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL

MEETING AGENDA

2:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 9, 1994

- Opening Remarks (John Hoyle, NRC, Panel Chairman)
- Status Report of LSS Administrator (Moe Levin, NRC)
- Status Report of DOE (Claudia Newbury, DOE)
- Discussion of Formation of Technical Subgroup (Panel Members)
- Topical Guidelines Update (Chip Cameron, NRC)
- Future Agenda Discussion

ATTENDANCE LIST
LSS ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL MEETING
September 9, 1994

Panel Members

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

John C. Hoyle, Chairman

U.S. Department of Energy

Claudia Newbury

State of Nevada

Harry Swainston
Kirk Balcom
Jim Davenport

Local Government - Site

Les Bradshaw
Malachy Murphy, Nye County

Local Government - Adjacent

Dennis Bechtel, Clark County
Brad Mettam, Inyo County
R. M. Gracey, Inyo County
Pete Cummings, City of Las Vegas
Vernon E. Poe, Mineral County
Herman E. Staat, Mineral County
Juanita Hoffman, Esmeralda County

Nuclear Industry

Jay Silberg
Chris Henkel

Others

Chip Cameron, NRC
Moe Levin, NRC
Kenneth Kalman, NRC
B. Paul Cotter, Jr., NRC
David Drapkin, NRC
Paul Bollwerk, NRC
William Reamer, NRC
Camille Kerrigan, TWR/INFOSTREAMS
Jim Boone, TWR/Regulatory & Licensing
Fielden Dickerson, TWR
Tony Neville, Labat-Anderson, Inc.
Jocelyn Smith, Labat-Anderson, Inc.
Joe Speicher, Labat-Anderson, Inc.
Fred Rogers, DOE
K. Michael Cline, DOE
Ram B. Murray, DOE
Jimmie Pegues, City of Las Vegas
Homi Minwalla, R. F. Weston/Jacobs Eng.