
A Report on the Status of the Licensing Support System

Presented to the Chairman and
Commissioners of the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission

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Inspector General's Audit Report

- Accurate Representation
- We Agree with Findings
- Comprehensive Chronology
- Identifies Key Issues

... a positive approach to surfacing issues that need to be raised.

Inspector General's Audit Report

- Presented at March LSS Advisory Review Panel Meeting
- Message is Straightforward
- Was Well Received by Potential Parties

Theme: NRC needs to provide strong direction for the LSS.

Current Environment

- Unstable Cast of Characters
- Successes in LSSA Programs
- Ongoing MOU Negotiations
- Sr. Management Team Established
- Legislative Activity

*Moving ahead to respond to
recommendations without regard to the
outcome of legislation.*

Obtain a Formal Commitment from DOE

- Respective Roles & Responsibilities
- Funding Mechanism
- Establish a Time Line

A Draft version was sent to DOE in March, meetings held April 11, negotiations are continuing.

Developing a Management Plan

- LSS Senior Management Team Established
- Comprehensive Representation
- Coordinate and Integrate within NRC

Develop Contingency Plans

- Premature to Expect Comprehensive Coverage
- Reflect DOE Intentions
- Milestones Identified as Needed in our Estimation
- Agree on Need and Value to NRC

Senior Management Team

- Crystallized Rationales for Need
- Identified Conditions for Success
 - Eliminate Discovery
 - Eliminate FOIA Burdens
 - Enable Timely, Comprehensive
Review of the License Application
 - Expedite Motions Practice

Senior Management Team

- Identified Additional Advantages and Expectations
 - Early Insight into Contentions
 - Capture Decision-making Process
- Developed Questions to DOE

A Strategy Toward Stability

- Understand DOE Intentions
- Know Our Own Expectations
- Synchronize & Memorialize in an MOU

A common foundation for a unified response to subsequent legislative action, whatever they may be.