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RE: LICENSING SUPPORT NETWORK (LSN) PAGE COUNT ESTIMATES AT TIME OF
CERTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

Thank you for providing revised estimates for the Department of Energy (DOE) Licensing Support Network (LSN) document collection at the time of DOE certification and thereafter.

I would like to emphasize again that DOE staff planning for diligent and timely loading activities must continue to be coordinated with NRC. The low-end certification estimate you provided indicates there are almost 1.7 million as-yet-to-be-loaded documents, while the high end estimate suggests there are more than 2.6 million documents to be loaded. Processing at our current capacity of 150,000 documents per week indicates a need for sustained LSN loading operations of between 12 and 18 weeks. Additionally, it would be prudent to allow additional, ample time -- perhaps 2-3 weeks -- for the resolution of discrepancies.

Despite the size of these still-to-be-loaded document estimates, DOE has not undertaken any significant document loading activities for at least two months. Your letter did not specify a target date for certification, however. It is our hope this is an indication that, given the size of its unloaded collection, DOE intends to certify only upon satisfactory completion of LSN loading (with ample time for assessment, verification, and resolution of discrepancies). On the other hand, if DOE intends to target completion of loading and document certification on a specific date, please advise us of that schedule as soon as possible so that arrangements for timely loading of DOE documents can be planned.

As always, you may contact me at 301-415-7401 or via e-mail at djg2@nrc.gov. Once again, thank you for your assistance in our planning efforts.

Sincerely,

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