

June 1, 2005

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE PRE-LICENSE APPLICATION PRESIDING OFFICER BOARD

In the Matter of)	Docket No. PAPO-00
)	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY)	ASLBP No. 04-829-01-PAPO
)	
(High Level Waste Repository: Pre-Application Matters))	

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ESTIMATE OF
NUMBER OF REDACTED DOCUMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE CONCERNS FILES
FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER FILE

At the May 18, 2005 Case Management Conference, the Pre-License Application Presiding Officer (PAPO) Board directed the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to provide an estimate of the number of documents from employee concerns files that will be produced on the LSN in header-only format and in redacted form on the anticipated protective order file (May 18, 2005 Transcript at 364). DOE provides that estimate below.

• ESTIMATE

DOE estimates that it will produce approximately 3,200 documents containing on the order of 24,000 pages from employee concerns files on the LSN in header-only format and in redacted form on the anticipated protective order file.

• GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS

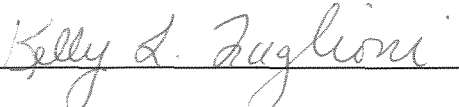
DOE understands that the purpose of the estimate is to assess whether the NRC's Digital Data Management System (DDMS) has the capacity to house the redacted versions of the LSN relevant employee concerns files. Accordingly, DOE's estimate is intended to be inclusive in

assessing what may be LSN relevant and a likely redaction candidate, so that the capacity will be adequate.

The estimate is premised on a sampling of employee concern files to come up with an estimated percentage of documents within such files that may contain documentary material and, as a subset of those, are likely redaction candidates. The page estimate is likewise based not on actual page counts but an average page per document estimate. DOE's estimate is derived from an ongoing review process. Accordingly, DOE's redaction estimate is premised on inherently uncertain assumptions about the percentage of documents that will prove to be LSN relevant and in need of redaction. Thus, the number of documents, and pages, that will emerge from the process as both LSN relevant and in need of redaction may vary from this projection.

Respectfully submitted,

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