

# Tribal Participation in the High-Level Waste Repository Process

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#### **Presentation Objectives**

- NRC's roles, responsibilities, policies, and outreach regarding Tribal Governments
- Regulatory framework of and participation in the Yucca Mountain proceeding
- Role of the Licensing Support Network (LSN)



# Commission Roles and Responsibilities

- Protection of public health and safety and the environment
- Function as independent regulatory agency
- Licensing, regulation, inspection and enforcement functions
- Adjudicatory function
- Communication



#### NRC's Native American Policies

- Recognize the importance of government-to-government relationship with Tribal Governments
- Follow the intent and principles in Executive Orders and Executive Memoranda on Federal agency relationships with Tribal Governments
- Communicate through the Office of State and Tribal Programs



## Goals for Tribal Communication

- Provide clear, accurate, timely, and continuing information about Commission activities and decision-making processes
- Improve access to information
- Listen to, understand, and consider Tribal concerns



#### Regulatory Framework

- Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982
  - Role of DOE, EPA, and NRC
  - Milestones for Yucca Mountain decisions



# NRC's High-Level Waste Outreach

- NRC high-level waste public participation program
- Specific workshops exclusively for Tribal Governments



### Participation in the Yucca Mountain Proceeding

- Hearings held before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards
- Participation as a party
- Participation as an interested governmental participant
- LSN provides access to Yucca Mountain information



### Functions of the Licensing Support Network (LSN)

- LSN primary mission -- support scientific and legal teams of the parties to the proceeding
- Responds to Congressional mandate for three-year decision
- Access to all parties' relevant documents



#### Purposes of the LSN

- Provides documents in electronic format
- Furnishes search engine, not a database
- Points to participants' web servers
- Includes bibliographic headers, searchable full text, and some images

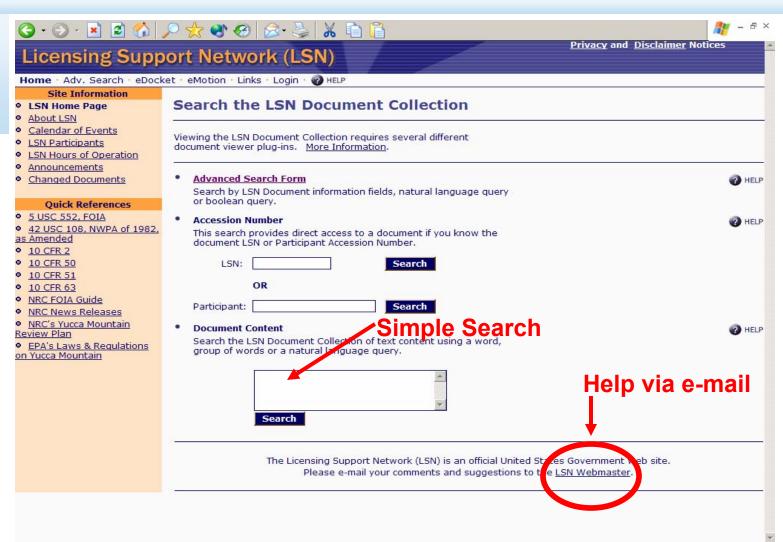


### **Availability of the LSN**

- Located at <u>www.lsnnet.gov</u>
- Available through Internet access
- Access through dial-up will take longer
- Most county libraries have Internet access
  - Training for librarians provided at conferences
- Customized training is available

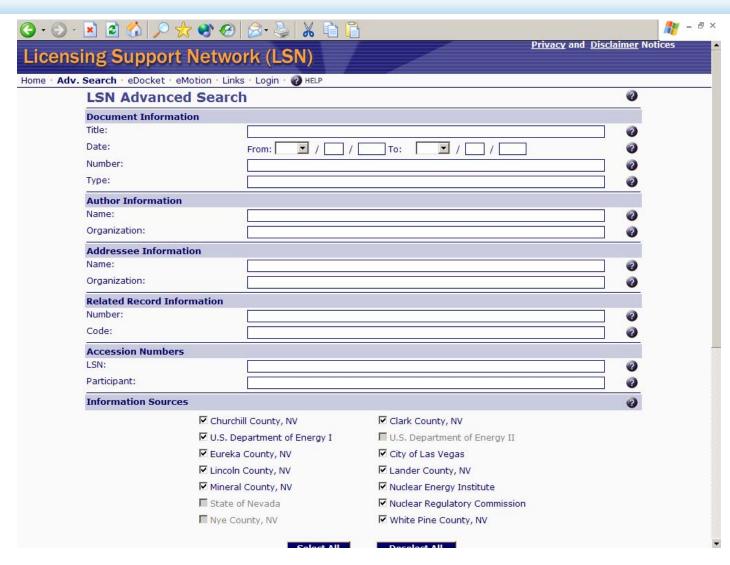


# LSN Homepage (www.lsnnet.gov)



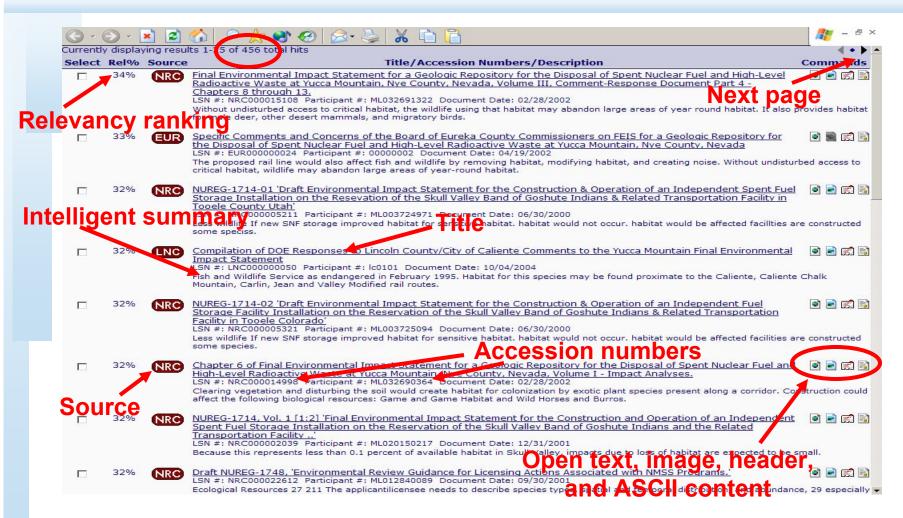


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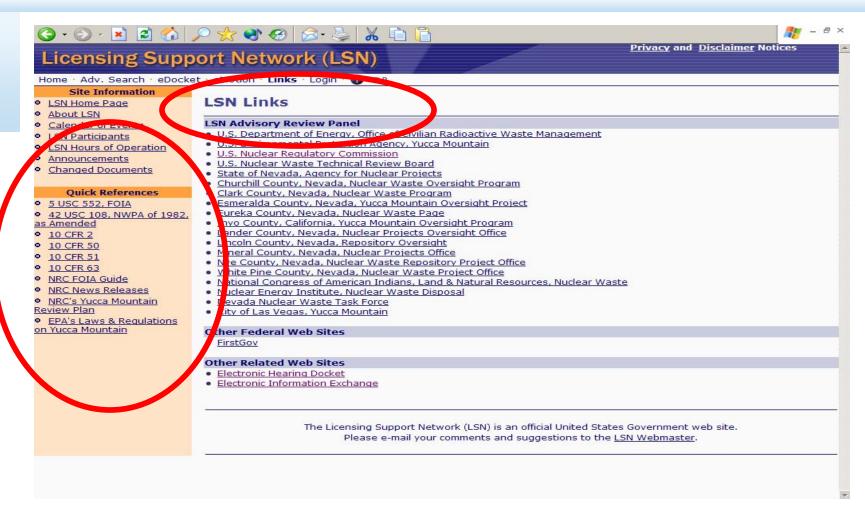


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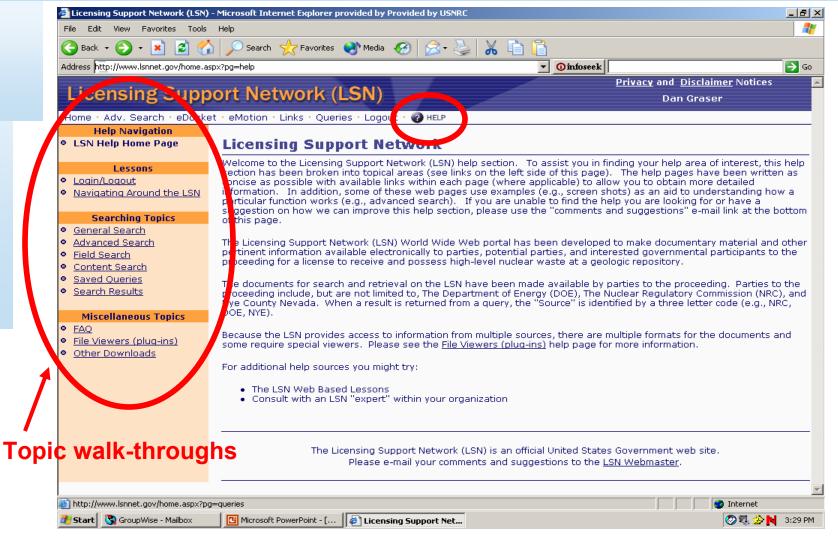


#### **Links for Research**



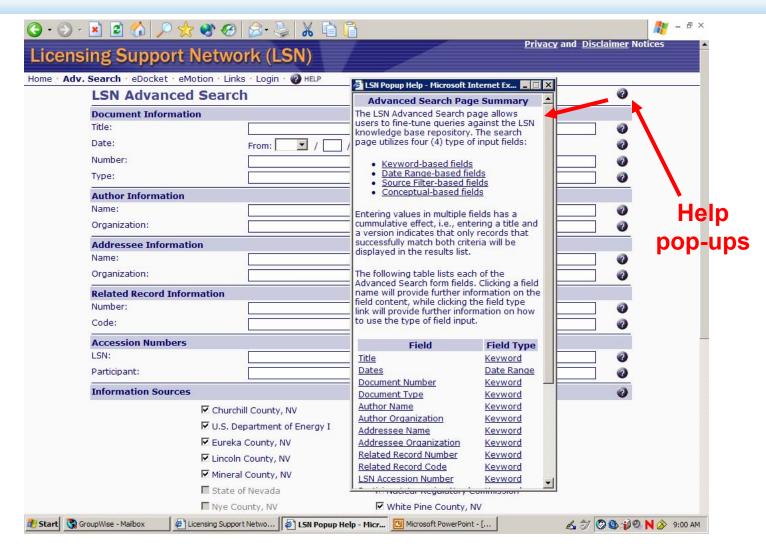


#### Help is Available





#### **Quick Help**





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