

June 9, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Stanley D. Wood, Acting Branch Chief
Computer Operations and Telecommunications Branch
Infrastructure and Computer Operations Division
Office of Information Services

FROM: Edward T. Baker III, Director */RA/*
Office of Information Services

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS PIONEER
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

This is in regard to the invitation from the Independent Telecommunications Pioneer Association (ITPA) to you to attend its Annual Meeting and Dinner as acknowledgment for your continued support of the National Chapter. The event will be held on June 15, 2006, at the Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, Virginia. There will also be a reception before the dinner. The ITPA membership consists of Federal and industry employees. Approximately 95-100 individuals from Government and industry will attend the meeting, including all previous ITPA speakers, such as yourself.

The Office of the General Counsel has advised me that this event could be considered a widely attended gathering under the government-wide standards of conduct regulations. This includes an event open to members throughout a given industry or profession or if those in attendance represent a range of persons interested in a given matter. Under those regulations and Management Directive 7.9, I am authorized to allow your acceptance of an offer of free attendance at a widely attended gathering if I determine that your attendance is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations and that the agency's interest in your participation at the event outweighs the concern that acceptance of the free attendance may or may not appear to improperly influence you in the performance of your official duties.

Based on the information provided, it is my determination that your attendance at the ITPA Annual Meeting and Dinner is in the NRC's interest and your participation outweighs concern that acceptance of the offer of the free attendance may or may not improperly influence you in the performance of your NRC duties. Therefore, I authorize you to accept the ITPA offer to the reception, dinner, and meeting. The Office of the General Counsel has no objection to this determination.

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