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Desc: I seek documents generated by FERC staff and sent to NRC's commissioners that provide quarterly update[s] of the status of new reactor licensing activities and future planning for new reactors at NRC. The title of the documents will be very similar to those words, if not identical.

The most recent of these quarterly updates addresses commission activity on that subject from Jan. 1-March 31, 2009. I seek any and all such quarterly documents from March 31, 2009 dated back to August 31, 2007.

It is my understanding that these documents replaced the "Semiannual Update of the Status of New Reactor Licensing Activities and Future Planning for New Reactors," the last of which was issued on August 31, 2007 (SECY 07-0152).

It is my understanding that NRC's executive director of operations in February 2008 ordered that these publicly released semiannual updates such as SECY 07-0152 be halted and replaced by quarterly updates, on the same topic, that from that point forward were no longer publicly released.

Further, it is my understanding that these quarterly documents have not been formally designated "safeguards" information or otherwise formally designated in any such a way as to prevent their release.

Further, I have seen or been given no explanation as to why the content of these updates changed after August 2007 to justify withholding them from public view for the first time.

I am seeking the documents to write a news story about the general state of industry's efforts to build new reactors and NRC's work to regulate them, a topic of enormous interest to our readers.

I would note that the NRC says it "considers public involvement in the agency's activities to be a cornerstone of strong, fair regulation of the nuclear industry." In this case, the public has access to information about NRC's activity on a very important topic.

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