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MEMORANDUM TO: Joseph Holonich, Jr., Director
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FROM: Jack G. Whetstine, Director
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM
PUBLIC RELEASE TIMELINESS REPORTS OF
ASLBP "LEGAL-HEARING TRANSCRIPT" DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to Management Directive 3.4, Part IV, and Yellow Announcement 00-0039 (ML003701921) dated May 22, 2000, documents received by the NRC intended for the public are to be released on the 6th work day after the document date. However, the court reporting contractor preparation time needed to transcribe and format the transcripts for Atomic Safety Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP) hearings precludes their timely public release in accordance with Agency procedure. As a result, the Public Release Timeliness (PRT) Report issued quarterly by the Office of Information Services, Information and Records Services Division (OIS/ISRD) indicates that the public release dates for many ASLBP-authored documents do not conform to Agency policy and that ASLBP is not meeting its metric of >90% of documents to be released timely.

Therefore, we request that the OIS/ISRD exempt ASLBP-authored documents profiled with the Document Type "Legal-Hearing Transcript" from the above-referenced release policy and update the Staging Queue Criteria for ASLBP PRT Reports to filter these documents as exceptions to Agency policy. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to receiving your notification.

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