

## **CLOSING ACTION**

**TICKET NO:** G20100584

**TITLE:** *GROUNDWATER TASK FORCE REPORT (GTF) - GROUNDWATER FACT SHEETS (EDATS: OEDO-2010-0764)*

### **SUMMARY**

As requested, please find attached a fact sheet for the NRC website describing the regulatory framework for groundwater for the different categories of licensees (i.e., power reactor, fuel cycle, uranium recovery). Input from all of the program offices (NRR, NRO, NMSS, FSME, and Research) has been sought and incorporated into the fact sheet.

A community of practice exists for groundwater issues. In addition to its other activities, this community of practice is made up of groundwater experts from all agency program Offices including NMSS, FSME, NRR, NRO, and RES. This community has the expertise and representation to revise the fact sheet if changes need to be made.

### **GROUNDWATER FACT SHEET**

To convey the total picture of how groundwater quality is protected and the NRC role in its protection, the fact sheet also includes for each program area, a very brief overview of EPA and State involvement. This fact sheet will become a web page on the Public NRC web site. It is not immediately apparent where the web page should be located. For example, we do not have web pages that cut across agency programs which are dedicated to other possible contaminate release pathways such as air or surface water.

However, within the current structure of the NRC's public web site, I suggest that a link to the fact sheet be built on the public web site under "About NRC/How We Regulate\Licensing located at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/licensing.html>. It could be listed as one of the bulleted links above the table titled "Additional Licensing Information" (see attached "pdf" file titled "Web Page Location Suggestion"). This would place the link prior to a table with links to our other licensing programs.

Alternatively, it could be built as a link under "Key Topics" on the NRC public web site home page at <http://www.nrc.gov/>. Perhaps it could be located before the bullet titled "Underground Reactor Pipes and Tritium".

Two copies of the Groundwater fact sheet are attached. One copy contains without links and one copy with suggested links to other web pages.

### **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

A community of practice currently exists for groundwater issues. This community of practice is hosted by NRC Research and is titled "Ground-Water and Performance Monitoring". Its leader is Tom Nicholson (301-251-7498). The current scope of this community is to identify, coordinate, and facilitate communication of technical issues dealing with ground-water and performance monitoring at NRC licensed sites. The membership includes technical experts in groundwater from all the agency program

areas. The community has the experts to easily determine if the fact sheet needs to be changed. Updating the fact sheet should require very little effort.