

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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TO: All Employees

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

The Commission supports a policy of maximum openness to the public. Documents available to the public should be placed in the public document room when significant public interest is anticipated so that the public should not have to file Freedom of Information Act requests to obtain access to these documents.

In furtherance of this policy, the staff is reminded that Management Directive and Handbook 3.4, "Release of Information to the Public," describes the policy and procedures for disclosure of information in the possession of NRC. Particular attention is directed to Part IV of the Handbook, which contains a comprehensive table of NRC documents that are to be released routinely to the public in the Public Document Room.

The staff should review all of its documents that are not being routinely placed in the Public Document Room and, where a public interest is known or anticipated, consider routinely making such records available. In addition, the staff is encouraged to carefully consider the potential public interest in documents at the time of their creation and, when appropriate, routinely make them available to the public.

Questions about the releasability of records may be directed to the FOIA/LPDR staff at (301) 415-7169.

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