

Office Response Template for the Annual Survey of ISI and HISA

Background

In accordance with Management Directive 3.17 Section III, annually, OCIO requests NRC offices to review their activities to determine if any of those activities could result in the generation of information products, intended for public dissemination, that that could be designated as Influential Scientific Information (ISI) or a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment (HISA). ISI or HISA would generally only be associated with major rulemakings or generic communications, or “landmark” scientific assessments that would have a significant interagency interest, impact on the national economy or nuclear industry. See the Definitions section of MD 3.17 for more information.

Each office must respond to the survey with a short list of only the most important research, rulemaking or generic communications in production, that is expected to be disseminated in the next three years , along with a short assessment on why that product or project would or would not qualify as ISI or HISA.

Each office is asked to respond to the OCIO survey via email using the below format:

From [Office Peer Review Coordinator] (generally a TA in that office)_

To: OCIO Information Quality Coordinator

The office of [NRO] has reviewed is major projects, rulemakings and generic communications, and other major work in currently in production in the current fiscal year, and planned for public dissemination within the next three years, and has determined ISI or HISA content as follows:

Project	ISI, HISA or None	Reason
10 CFR 50.46c Rulemaking	None	Rulemaking is unlikely to result in a financial cost to the Industry in the order of a “Major Rule” per definition of ISI in MD 3.17.
Advanced Light Water Reactor Design Criteria	None	This guidance is not likely to significantly impact the national economy or industry in the near term. Although precedent setting, the guidance is developed with cooperation with major stakeholder agencies (DOE) and is not currently judged to be controversial

Based on the above review, [NRO] has no products in development that is considered ISI or HISA.

For further information, please see the below references:

[OMB Information Policy](#)

[Flowchart of Peer Review Notification Process](#)

[MD 3.17](#)

NRC [Information Quality](#) public website

[DOE Information Quality](#)

[EPA Influential Scientific Information](#)

[OSHA Peer Review Agenda](#)

[DOT highly influential disseminations](#)