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Dear Mr. McCree:

In its monthly status reports to the Congress on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeal's August 2013 mandated continued review of the application for the Yucca Mountain repository, the Commission reports that the complete (2010 version) Licensing Support Network (LSN) document collection will be loaded into a publicly accessible ADAMS library with enhanced search capability. Apparently, some progress on this task is being made. However, in contrast to the extensive public participation that occurred in connection with the establishment of the LSN, there has been no outreach to stakeholders regarding the current plans to replace the LSN with some kind of ADAMS library nor, even, any announced plan to conduct a rulemaking proceeding to amend the current LSN provisions in 10 C.F.R. Part 2. While we hope that a publicly accessible ADAMS library with enhanced search capability would be an improvement over the current, non-public status of the LSN, several important questions would need to be addressed by the Commission including: (1) will all current Case Management Orders (such as Revised Case Management Order Number 2, July 6, 2007) addressing LSN matters remain in effect, (2) will there be an ADAMS Administrator who is independent of NMSS and the OGC component representing NRC Staff in the Yucca Mountain adjudicatory proceeding, and (3) will the LSN provisions of 10 C.F.R Part 2 be amended and, if so, will there be a notice and comment rulemaking proceeding.

We would appreciate more information about the current plans and implementation status. Moreover, we believe some kind of public meeting on replacing the LSN would be in accord with the Commission's Principles of Good Regulation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address and phone number.

A note to the addressees on the attached list: If you are not the person to whom this correspondence should be addressed, please forward to the appropriate person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Halstead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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