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EVALUATION OF DOCKET FILES OF TERMINATED LICENSES (189 No. A9085-7)

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OBJECTIVES:

The technical objective of this project is to review terminated licenses in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Docket File System, extract pertinent data, create a computer file of these data and identify which previously licensed sites potentially could constitute residual radiological safety hazards.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Inconsistencies between manual records and computer records have led to computer record corrections in the (REGION) field as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Corrections in computer field = (REGION)

Record accession No.	Docket No.	Box No.	Field = (REGION)					
			Incorrect	Correct	Comment			
7	70-70	71/95	No region	1	By address			
233	70-91	71/95	No region	2	By address			
390	70-273	74/95	1 and 3	1;3	Semicolon essential			
391	70-274	74/95	1 and 3	1;3	Semicolon essential			
460	70-415	11/25	1 and 5	1;5	Semicolon essential			
468	70-1066	21/25	3 and 5	3;5	Semicolon essential			
495	70-1242	24/25	No region	0	File transfer			
602	70-1025	20/	No region	0	File transfer			
604	70-1027	20/	No region	0	Canada (no region)			
606	70-1032	20/	No region	0	File transfer			

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (cont'd.)

These are time-consuming, minor changes, but essential for quality assurance. For example, the computer program recognizes that which follows a semicolon in a given field as separately searchable; otherwise, docket numbers 70-273, -274, -415, and -1066 in Table 1, when sought by Region, would not retrieve under the second NRC Region.

In cases of file transfer (empty folders), no region numbers are present and accounting falls short unless zero or some other searchable symbol is entered. A license issued to a foreign government falls under no NRC jurisdiction.

Four records remain that are lacking a (REGION) field entry and therefore are not recoverable by (REGION) only. They are of course recoverable by the other fields. These four records, given in Table 2, are being corrected in the computer file.

Table 2. Records lacking an entry in the field (REGION)

Record accession No.	Docket No.	Category	Address	Region by address	
190	70-869	20K	MA	1	
201	-921	10K	NC	2	
532	-185	20K	CA	5	
598	-1019	20K	See 70-750	1	

Retrieval from the main set by (CATEGORY) gives the results shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Retrieval by (CATEGORY) as the main set

Category	No. of records
2No 1No 2Un 1Un	8 23 11 12
Total questionables	54
20K 10K	270 343
Grand total	667

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (cont'd.)

The final number of records, by manual count, that should be in the computer file is 668, but Table 3 shows a total of 667. The discrepancy was traced to Record No. 226, Docket No. 70-132, McCullough Tool Company, which received no category because it was covered in 70-165. The latter was categorized 10K.

Failure to obtain exact computer balance despite conscientious attempts is due to the fact that several computer typists and several proof-reading analysts are unable on a routine basis to catch all errors of omission and commission. In correcting old printout sheets, new errors are introduced. However, when all the known errors are corrected the computer file will contain a reasonably accurate data base of terminated special nuclear material dockets.

The most reliable retrieval field is the (CATEGORY) field since most pains were taken from the start with this field. Subsetting (CATEGORY) field under any other field such as (UPDATE) or (REGION) loses information. Table 1, for example, illustrates how incomplete data results in incomplete recovery of all dockets by (LEGION) field.

The latest category distribution as subsets under (REGION) are shown in Table 4. Region 5 includes Docket No. 70-132, McCullough Tool Company, which is presently uncategorized, and thus accounts for the difference between total records (142) and the total categorized records (141) in the region. In addition, there are 20 records associated with two different regions, four records associated with no region (see Table 1) and four records without region assignments (see Table 2). Three of the questionable records are associated with two different region each, thus accounting for the 57 total questionable records in Table 5 when the total of distinctly different questionable records is already known to be 54.

Since duplicate assignments by Regions have caused some difficulty in balancing records, they are listed in Table 5.

STATUS OF PROJECT:

When the most recent editing of the Part 70 computer file is completed in early October the evaluation and computerization of terminated special nuclear material licenses will be complete. A final report on the methodology and results has been prepared and is undergoing review prior to publication.

Table 4. Category subsets by region

Region	Category						Total			
	1No	2No	1Un	2Un	10K	20K	Records	Categorized records	Questionable records	
1	12	3	6	6	106	114	247	247	27	
2	1	1	1	0	49	28	80	80	3	
3	3	2	3	4	69	41	122	122	12	
4	1	1	0	1	55	31	89	89	3	
5	7	1	3	1	69	60	142	141_	12	
							680	679	57	

Table 5. Multiple NRC region assignments

Accession No.	Docket No.	NRC regions	Category	
6	70-0044	5;4	20K	
61	-0175	1;2	1No	
72	-0930	3;5	10K	
103	-0155	5;2	20K	
129	-0684	1;2	20K	
140	-0713	1;4	20K	
165	-0780	4;5	10K	
207	-0964	1;2	20K	
299	-0325	1;4	20K	
319	-1101	5;3	10K	
320	-1102	5;1	10K	
323	-1108	5;1	1Un	
390	-0273	1;3	2Un	
371	-0274	1;3	20K	
460	-0415	1;5	10K	
468	-1066	3;5	10K	
608	-1034	1:3	10K	
614	-1045	1;2	10K	
662	-0513	4;2	20K	
668	-0816	3;2	10K	

STATUS OF PROJECT: (cont'd.)

A subcontractor has been selected to assist in the evaluation and computerization of Part 30 (byproduct material) licenses. An inventory of the boxes of Part 30 dockets will be taken in October. Following this, ORNL and the subcontractor will select screening criteria and develop an instrument for abstracting pertinent data for computerization and docket analysis.

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Sept. 1979	FY 1979	Total To date	Sept. 1979	FY 1979	Total To date	Sept. 1979		Total To date	Completion (Estimate)
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