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MEMORANDUM FOR: Arnold E. Levin, LSS Administrator
FROM: John C. Hoyle, Chairman, LSS Advisory Review Panel
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM ADVISORY REVIEW
PANEL MEETING - APRIL 14-15, 1994

The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel (LSSARP) held a two-day meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 14-15, 1994. The primary purpose of the meeting was to provide the Panel members an opportunity to continue consideration of a proposal by NRC that would make DOE responsible for the development of the Licensing Support System (LSS) using InfoSTREAMS designs and technology and would make the LSSA responsible for controlling DOE's operation of the system once it was put into production. This proposal was initially discussed at the Panel's October 1993 meeting. All participating organizations serving on the Panel were represented except the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Patent and Trademark Office. The agenda for the meeting and list of attendees are attached.

Highlights of the meeting are summarized below.

1. Briefing on LSS Administrator's Planned Audit Program

Mr. Levin, LSS Administrator, meeting with the Panel for the first time since his appointment to this position, noted that he had considered carefully the comments and concerns expressed by Panel members at the prior meeting regarding the NRC proposal. In response to their concerns, his office had prepared a report to the Commission (SECY-94-J81) which expanded on the mechanisms to be used by NRC to maintain its control of the LSS. His staff also developed enhanced strategies and methodologies to be used in the LSSA's audit and compliance assessment programs to clarify and strengthen the Administrator's ability to monitor and control DOE's performance and to identify and resolve problems in a timely manner.

Mr. Drapkin then provided a briefing on the details of LSSA's planned audit and compliance assessment programs.

After the briefing, the remainder of the day's session was devoted to discussion of ways to obtain economies in LSS development and operation without altering the respective roles of the NRC, the LSS Administrator, and DOE as contemplated by the existing LSS rule. The Panel concluded

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the discussion by agreeing with a new proposal by NRC that consideration be given to the assignment of direct authority to the LSS Administrator for all LSS activities to be conducted under DOE's InfoSTREAMS contract by making him the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) for those activities. If such an assignment proves to be workable under existing Government contracting regulations, the Panel believed it would be an appropriate method of implementing the provision of the LSS rule which contemplates the LSS Administrator's control over the operation of the LSS.

Commitments: NRC and DOE will follow up on the proposal to assign the LSSA as COTR to DOE's InfoSTREAMS contractor and provide their findings to the Panel.

2. DOE Presentation Concerning Capture of DOE Documents

Mr. Graser described the procedures established by DOE to capture and enter into the InfoSTREAMS database pertinent documents which originate in the Secretary's office and in the defense waste organization.

Commitments: DOE will report back on whether there are mechanisms in place for capture of graphic oriented material in the defense waste program (such as field notes) and for capture of circulated drafts of Secretarial level documents.

3. DOE Presentation on Status of InfoSTREAMS Development

Mr. Graser provided a summary briefing on the status of development and testing of the initial increments of InfoSTREAMS. At the conclusion of the briefing, Panel members discussed the desirability of establishing a mechanism for members and their technical representatives to be more closely involved in the technical details of InfoSTREAMS design and development so that the LSSARP could determine whether the LSS functionality requirements can be met by this system. The Panel approved the establishment of a Technical Subgroup for this purpose.

Commitments: Interested Panel members should provide the LSSARP Chairman with names of their representatives for the Technical Subgroup.

4. Header Subgroup Report

Mr. Balcom, Subgroup Chairman and representative of the State of Nevada, described the Subgroup's activities since the last Panel meeting regarding the development of

instructions for cataloging and indexing LSS documentary materials. He recommended that the new fields and descriptions contained in his April 7, 1994, letter to the LSSARP Chairman (attached) be added to the header data previously approved by the full Panel. Mr. Graser noted that DOE was already implementing the new recommendations of the LSS Header Subgroup in its InfoSTREAMS document capture program.

Commitments: Panel approval of the Header Subgroup's recommendation will be scheduled for the next meeting.

5. Use of LSS on Pilot Project Basis

Mr. Murphy, Nye County Representative, proposed that a study be made of the feasibility of developing the LSS to the point at which its functionality could be tested on a pilot project basis by storing and retrieving documents pertinent to the certification of the Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC). His proposal was initially described in his letter of March 30, 1994, to the LSSARP Chairman (attached). The Panel noted that the proposal raised several issues, including those of public access, impact on DOE schedules and funding and priority loading of LSS documents, but agreed to request consideration of the feasibility of the plan by DOE.

Commitments: DOE agreed to consider the feasibility, timing, potential cost, resource implications and possible adverse impacts on InfoSTREAMS of a possible pilot test of LSS utilizing documents associated with the certification of the Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) under 10 CFR 71 and 72.

The NRC staff will also evaluate the proposal and identify the issues which need to be addressed before such a test is implemented.

6. Future Agenda Discussion

The Panel agreed to schedule the next LSSARP meeting in early September. It will be held in the Washington, DC area.

Attachments:

1. Agenda for April 14-15, 1994 Meeting
2. Attendance List
3. April 7, 1994 Letter from Mr. Kirk Balcom
4. March 30, 1994 Letter from Mr. Malachy Murphy

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LSS ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL MEETING
APRIL 14-15, 1994

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