

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Licensing Support Network

Advisory Review Panel

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) will hold a meeting on October 13, 1999, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4315 Swenson St., Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be open to the public pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463, 86 Stat. 770-776).

AGENDA: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, and continue that day until completed. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to the design, development, and operation of the Licensing Support Network (LSN), the Internet-based successor to the Licensing Support System (LSS).

As was explained in the final rule establishing the LSN, which was published in the Federal Register on January 29, 1999 (63 Fed. Reg. 71729), the LSN is intended to provide a pre-application discovery database consisting of Internet-accessible sites that would be operated by the potential parties to the proceeding, including the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the NRC. The pre-application availability of these discovery materials is intended to ensure compliance with the schedule for a decision on the construction authorization for the high-level nuclear waste (HLW) repository contained in Section 114(d) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1999, the NRC re-established the LSNARP as a successor to the LSS Advisory Review Panel (LSSARP). Like the LSSARP, the LSNARP is to provide advice and recommendations to the NRC, including the LSN Administrator, concerning the design, development, and operation of an LSN electronic information management system for the storage and retrieval of information relevant to the Commission's future licensing proceeding for a geologic repository for HLW disposal. When the NRC Rules of Practice in 10 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart J, recently were modified to provide an Internet-based technological solution to the submission and management of records and documents relating to the licensing of a HLW repository, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 2.1011(e) the LSNARP was re-established to provide advice on such issues as the type of computer system necessary to comply with the requirements for electronic document production and service; the operation, maintenance, and compliance monitoring of the electronic document databases established for the potential participants to the HLW repository licensing proceeding; and solutions to improve the LSN functioning once it is operational.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Prior to the LSNARP meeting, the LSN Administrator will make available to interested persons materials that outline policies and issues relating

to LSN design, development, and operation. Interested persons may make oral presentations to the LSNARP or file written statements regarding these matters. Requests for oral presentations should be made to one of the contact persons listed above as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Any person having a written statement that they wish to have before the LSNARP at the time of the meeting should provide that statement so that it is received electronically, by facsimile transmission, or by mail by one of the contacts listed above on or before Wednesday, October 6, 1999.

A number of HLW repository-related meetings and conferences are being held in the Las Vegas, Nevada area in October 1999. Nonetheless, interested persons should be aware that LSN design options will be developed based on the input from those attending this LSNARP meeting and any written statements provided by interested persons in connection with this meeting. Accordingly, all interested persons are urged to attend the October 13, 1999 meeting at which these matters will be discussed and/or to submit written statements providing their views on these matters.

Dated: September 9, 1999

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Officer