



Web-Based ADAMS: Providing Public Access to the NRC's Official Agency Document Repository

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Searching the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)

Web-based ADAMS (WBA)

- Provides access to two ADAMS libraries: Public Library and Public Legacy Library

WBA–PARS

- Full-text records in PDF format
- Documents cover November 1999–present

WBA–Legacy

- Bibliographic records for NRC documents
- Documents predate November 1999 and are available on microfiche in the Public Document Room (PDR)

WBA User Guide

- <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/wba-user-guide.pdf>

Navigating to ADAMS

- NRC homepage: <http://www.nrc.gov>
- NRC Library
- ADAMS Public Documents
- Direct link <http://adams.nrc.gov/wba/>

How the Public Gets Copies of Non-Electronic NRC Documents

- Search the ADAMS Legacy Library to locate the needed documents.
- PDR staff will verify that documents are not restricted either by availability or document sensitivity.
- PDR staff will record billing and shipping information and prepare document requests.
- The reproduction, shipping, and associated billing of documents will be handled by an NRC copy service; additional information is available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/pdr/copy-service.html>.

ADAMS Overview

- ADAMS is the official recordkeeping system through which the NRC provides access to vast "libraries" or collections of documents related to the agency's regulatory activities.
- Introduced on November 1, 1999, ADAMS is also the NRC's solution to a Congressional mandate to move toward a paperless environment.
- It is the foundation for the NRC's Enterprise Content Management (ECM) system, as described in NUREG-1954, "Enterprise Content Management: Streamlining How Staff and Stakeholders Work within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regulatory Environment."

Web-based ADAMS (WBA)

Benefits of WBA include:

- Accessibility using most popular Web browsers (e.g., Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Apple Safari).
- Ability to send a saved search either as an attached text file or as an embedded hyperlink within a document or in an e-mail note.
- Ability to see up to 500 search results per page.
- Ability to export a list of documents into Excel or CSV (Comma Separated Values).
- Ability to "hide package contents."
- Improved functionality and search retrieval.

