

Public Document Room (PDR) Services

1. Where is the PDR located?

The PDR is located in OWFN-1 F21. From the main OWFN entrance, go left past the OWFN guards' desk. Go down the stairs or ramp. The PDR is the first door on the left, across the hall from the Commission Hearing Room.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Public Document Room
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Room OWFN-1 F21
Rockville, MD 20852

2. When is the PDR open?

Walk-in Hours

7:45am – 4:15pm Eastern Time
Monday – Friday

Phone Hours

8:00am – 4:00pm Eastern Time
Monday – Friday



3. What's in the PDR's collection?

The PDR's collection includes:

- ❖ a collection of more than 2 million **publicly available** documents in hard copy, microfiche, or CD-ROM
- ❖ a complete archive of **publicly available** NRC pre-ADAMS documents that are retained as agency records in paper, microfiche, or in special cases, other formats

More recent documents are available in electronic form via ADAMS.



The PDR collection consists of a variety of agency documents, including NRC NUREG-series publications, Weekly Information Reports, transcripts of Commission meetings, existing and proposed regulations and amendments, material from NRC's licensing dockets, and correspondence on technical, legal, and policy matters.

The PDR offers a variety of current and retrospective indexes. General reference sources are also available, such as:

- ❖ Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR, Parts 1-199; 1977 to present)
- ❖ U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NUREG-1145)/AEC Annual Reports (1947 to 1998)
- ❖ U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspection Manual
- ❖ NRC Manual/Management Directives (NRC administrative policies and procedures)
- ❖ Federal Register notices relating to the NRC (June 1977 to present)
- ❖ Nuclear Regulatory Legislation (NUREG-0980; 1984 to present)
- ❖ NRC Commission Issuances (NUREG-0750; 1956 to present)
- ❖ Regulatory Agenda (NUREG-0936; 1982 to present)
- ❖ Media Monitor (clippings from news media and other printed sources concerning nuclear energy; 1975 to June 2007)
- ❖ Press releases (1947 to present)
- ❖ Speeches (1955 to present)

4. What equipment is available in the PDR?

- ❖ four computers for searching ADAMS
- ❖ two microfiche reader/printers
- ❖ two microfiche readers



5. What does the staff of the PDR do?

The major function of the PDR staff is to provide access to publicly available information and related sources of nuclear information in electronic, paper, and microfiche formats.

The PDR staff fills the information needs and requirements of industry (INPO, NEI, EPRI), licensees (including utilities), interveners (including public interest groups), law firms, information brokers, Congress, NRC staff, foreign governments and embassies, other Federal government agencies, students, and the general public.

The PDR staff also:

- ❖ Manages a research document collection
- ❖ Performs searches of the public databases and provides printouts and documents
- ❖ Provides individual training to public users for both public versions of ADAMS (Web-based and Citrix-based); serves as agency guide in technical troubleshooting
- ❖ Maintains content of the PDR public Web page, Reading Room page, ADAMS User Group (AUG) page, PARS, and Web-based ADAMS



6. How are NRC documents reproduced by the PDR?

The PDR uses a private contractor to reproduce documents. Orders for documents and payment method must be submitted to the PDR.

Additional information about our copy service contractor is available at

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/pdr/copy-service.html>.

The copy service picks up orders from the PDR twice a day. There is a cut-off time of 3:00pm Eastern Time.

If you are interested in ordering one or more documents, please provide the PDR staff with your billing and shipping information.

7. How can I get copies of NRC documents?

- ❖ Search ADAMS, NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, to locate the needed documents
- ❖ Members of the public contact the PDR
- ❖ PDR staff verify that the document is not restricted either by availability or document sensitivity
- ❖ Once a document on microfiche is found, its reproduction can be ordered via the PDR
- ❖ PDR staff will record billing and shipping information and prepare a document request
- ❖ The actual reproduction, billing and shipping of documents is handled by our private contractor

ADAMS Access

NRC documents are available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or online from the PARS component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

There are two versions of ADAMS: Web-based ADAMS and Citrix-based ADAMS.

Web-based ADAMS

- ❖ provides full-text records in PDF format
- ❖ documents range from November 1999 – present
- ❖ <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html>

Citrix-based ADAMS

- ❖ provides access to two ADAMS libraries: Publicly Available Records (PARS) and Legacy
- ❖ <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/citrix-based.html>

Citrix-based PARS

- ❖ provides full-text records in PDF format
- ❖ documents range from November 1999 – present

Citrix-based Legacy

- ❖ provides *bibliographic records* for NRC documents
- ❖ documents predate November 1999 and are most likely available on microfiche in the PDR

Navigating to ADAMS

- ❖ NRC homepage <http://www.nrc.gov/> »
- ❖ Electronic Reading Room »
- ❖ Documents in ADAMS

Public Document Room (PDR)

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Public Document Room
Mail Stop: OWFN-1 F13
Washington, DC 20555

(301) 415-4737 (phone)
(800) 397-4209 (phone)
(301) 415-3548 (FAX)
8:00am – 4:00pm
Monday – Friday

Online contact form:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/contact-pdr.html>

E-mail:

PDR.Resource@nrc.gov

PDR Mission

The mission of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Public Document Room (PDR) staff is to help members of the public find and obtain NRC information in the agency's extensive electronic, paper, and microfiche collections. Research librarians staff the PDR. Its holdings are focused on unclassified documents related to the NRC's licensing and rulemaking activities, as well as documents from the regulatory activities of the former Atomic Energy Commission.

The NRC PDR has existed for over 50 years as a resource to assist public users to obtain information. With the advent of the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), it also provides assistance and training on NRC's public ADAMS. With the growing reliance on the Internet for information sharing, the PDR librarians also assist the public to locate NRC Web content as well as provide referrals to other government Web sites.