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Incorporating the NRC Legacy Collection into the FDLP

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

Mission: To ensure that nonmilitary uses of nuclear materials in the United States are carried out with proper regard for the protection of public health and safety. NRC accomplishes its mission through:

- licensing the construction, operation, and decommissioning of commercial and research nuclear reactors, nuclear fuel cycle facilities, and uranium enrichment facilities;
- licensing the possession, use, processing, and exporting of nuclear materials, including certain aspects of transporting and disposing of nuclear materials and wastes;
- licensing the siting, design, construction, operation, and closure of low-level radioactive waste disposal sites and a geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste;
- safeguarding nuclear materials and facilities from theft, damage, and sabotage;
- supporting U.S. national interests in the safe use and nonproliferation of nuclear materials; and
- conducting inspections and developing and enforcing regulations governing these activities.

The NRC Public Document Room

Mission: To facilitate the public's access to NRC publicly available documents.

Through its comprehensive document release policies, the NRC has made available more than two million documents for public viewing and copying in the Public Document Room (PDR) since its transfer to NRC from the former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in 1975. The holdings include documents from the regulatory activities of the AEC.

PDR librarians assist members of the public in defining their information needs; and in identifying, evaluating, and accessing relevant NRC documents from various resources (PDR collections, GPO, Web, distribution lists, etc.)

The NRC Local Public Document Rooms (LPDRs)

Mission: To give citizens living or working near nuclear power reactors and certain other nuclear facilities access to the records used by the NRC in licensing and regulating those local facilities.

Documents made publicly available in 1981 and thereafter are represented in the majority of LPDRs as 48X microfiche (referenced as "1981+ 48X microfiche").

LPDRs are situated in academic, public, and State libraries. There are currently 86 LPDRs and 73 of these have the 1981+ 48X microfiche collections. Reference support to the LPDRs is now provided by the PDR.

Agency Documents Access And Management System (ADAMS)

Definition of ADAMS

The policies, processes, and software tools to manage unclassified, official program and administrative records of lasting business value to the NRC in an electronic rather than paper based environment.

Importance of ADAMS

- Will be installed on the desktop of every employee
- Natural tool that will be used in everyday work: like the telephone or e-mail
- Each employee and the NRC will achieve productivity gains with its use
- It will improve communication within the NRC and with licensees and other stakeholders
- Will make public documents available to the public via the Internet
- Submittals to the NRC can be in electronic form via the Internet (in lieu of paper)

LPDR Host Library Responses to NRC Request for Non-Binding Indication of Interest in Retaining 1981+ 48X Microfiche Collections after Proposed Termination of NRC Funding

71/73 had responded by April 2.

54/71 (76%) replied affirmatively, 17/71 (24%) replied negatively.

22/24 (92%) selective depository libraries responding replied affirmatively; 2 (8%), negatively. (2 selective depository libraries have not yet responded.)

5/6 (83%) Regional depository libraries replied affirmatively- 1 (17%), negatively.

Of 34 states* currently with one or more of these collections (from a total of 38 states with LPDRs), 5 do not have a library indicating interest in retaining a collection (Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Vermont). The Maryland and Vermont nuclear facilities are within 50 miles of, respectively, the NRC Public Document Room and a Massachusetts library indicating interest in retaining a collection.

*(AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI)

GOAL:

Permanent Retention of at least One (1) 1981+ 48X Microfiche Collection in Each State Currently Holding One

Options:

Regional depository libraries, strategically placed, assume the 17 rejected collections?

Regional depository libraries develop Selective Housing Agreements with one or more libraries retaining the collections?