

Documents of the U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission
Information Dissemination in the
Post-9/11/01 Environment

Presentation to the GPO Depository
Council Meeting

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Ramifications of 9/11/01

- Concerns about nuclear-related facilities as possible targets
- Concerns about plant security from the public and the utilities
- Concerns about information availability

Systematic Agency Review Of Publicly Available Documents

- NRC web shut down on 10/11/01
- Review of document requests given to PDR librarians
- Assistance from NRC technical staff
- Monitored access to collections in the PDR

Consequences of the Web Site Shutdown for the PDR

- Calls from former LPDR/FDLP librarians seeking guidance from the PDR staff
- Calls from utilities that own nuclear power plants requesting help
- Calls from the public looking for previously available information; calls and e-mails doubled
- Increased use of ADAMS, NRC's full text document management system for current documents plus selected retrofit files

NRC Web Site Returned on October 17, 2001

- Content previously available is continuing to be reviewed
- As the reviews progress, content is being added incrementally
- Major releases deployed in early 2002

NRC Documents in the Public Domain

- The NRC may recall some documents if it is believed that the contents of a document may pose a security threat
- The NRC may issue redacted versions of some documents
- Guidance from the NRC to FDLP libraries will be through the Superintendent of Documents

Status of the Review of NRC Information

- NRC Web Site is being Restored in increments as the former contents are reviewed
- Documents are still available in ADAMS
- Policy Decisions are being deliberated
- Establishment of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response to consolidate and streamline NRC's security, safeguards, and incident response activities and resources

The NRC and Access to Its Documents

- A tradition of over 25 years of making some 2.5 million documents available to the public:
 - At headquarters public document room
 - Former local public document rooms
 - On FedWorld
 - On the NRC web page
 - Participation in the FDLP depository program
 - And now through ADAMS and the Public Interface Prototype (PIP)!

The Release of Information to the Public

- NRC makes information available to the public allowing stakeholders to participate in NRC's regulatory process.
- Historically its intent has been to automatically make information available that is of interest to the public without the need to file a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Assistance for Librarians

The PDR is Ready to Assist
Librarians If They Have Questions

1-800-397-4209 or pdr@nrc.gov