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NRC RESTORING 70,000 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO ITS ON-LINE LIBRARY AFTER SECURITY REVIEW

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is restoring public access to more than 70,000 additional documents through its on-line public library, ADAMS, after reviewing them for security sensitivity. The restoration involves administrative, contractual, research and other documents not related to a specific licensee that were deemed non-sensitive as a result of the NRC's review.

The documents were removed from the ADAMS library on Oct. 25 last year, along with hundreds of thousands of others, to conduct a security review and remove information that could potentially be of use to a terrorist. The NRC remains committed to operating as an open agency and conducting its business in public to the extent possible. The agency has already restored access to about 163,000 non-sensitive documents in several categories, including those pertaining to reactors, Yucca Mountain and selected hearings. Most documents dealing with nuclear materials (i.e., non-reactor) licensee documents have not been restored, and the Commission continues to evaluate them.

The newly restored documents will be available through the Electronic Reading Room on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. The restoration will proceed in batches of approximately 5,000 documents per day to limit the impact on the NRC's electronic records system. It is expected that the restoration process for the 70,000 documents will be completed by June 20.

Pending further restorations to this site, time-sensitive documents that have not been restored, particularly those related to opportunities for hearings or needed for public reviews and comments on regulatory matters such as license amendment applications, may be available by contacting the NRC Public Document Room at 800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or pdr@nrc.gov.

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