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## **NRC PROVIDES IMPROVED ACCESS TO PUBLIC DOCUMENTS IN ADAMS THROUGH ITS WEBSITE**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has put in place enhancements to allow members of the public easier and quicker access to all public documents in its Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) through the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. ADAMS is the official recordkeeping system, through which the NRC provides access to all of the agency's publicly available documents.

The new interface is transparent, versatile and no longer requires downloading or installing special software to reach any publicly-available document in ADAMS. Searches for documents in ADAMS can be made through one link and newly released documents will now be available in ADAMS on the same day that they are published, eliminating the 1-day delay that had been the standard in the previous system. Users will still be able to view document images, download files, create reports, and print documents locally.

The new web-based ADAMS allows users to search the full text of publicly available documents published in electronic form, and provides expanded access to over 2.5 million NRC documents including those stored on microfiche or in paper form. A User Guide and Frequently Asked Questions, available on the ADAMS website, provide more detailed information on how to find, retrieve and print publicly available documents.

Additional improvements to ADAMS are planned as the agency continues to develop better content management systems, as reported in NUREG-1954, "Enterprise Content Management: Streamlining How Staff and Stakeholders Work within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Regulatory Environment."

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