

February 21, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Those on Attached List

FROM: Michael L. Springer, Director **/RA/**
Office of Administration

SUBJECT: PROVIDING LICENSEE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
Reference: EDO Control item G20010574

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The following guidelines were approved by the Chairman:

1. Licensee sites will be contacted to request names of individuals to receive Secret clearances. (Lead NRR/NMSS)
2. Secret level security clearances will be granted to approximately 5 licensee personnel at each operating power reactor site and approximately 3 persons at each major material licensee. (Lead ADM)
3. The resident offices at each power reactor site will be provided the capability to receive and store classified information. (Lead ADM/Regions/OCIO)
4. A plan will be developed to share classified information up to the Secret level with appropriately cleared licensee staff on a routine basis with the goal of providing our licensees a better understanding of the basis for our security decisions and facilitating appropriate licensee response. (Lead NMSS)

We plan to complete #2 by November 1, 2002, and item #3 by July 1, 2002, with the help of the Regions and OCIO. We request that item #1 be completed by March 15, 2002, and that item #4 be completed by June 3, 2002. Please contact Tom Martin with any questions.

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