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MEMORANDUM TO: NRR Executive Team
NRR Leadership Team

FROM: *Jon R. Johnson*
Jon R. Johnson, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF TEMPORARY NRR REVIEW GROUP TO
ASSIST IN DETERMINING APPROPRIATE RELEASE OF
INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

NRR has established a temporary review group to assess information for possible sensitivity in light of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The group is initially focused on determining what information is appropriate for posting on the NRC web site when the re-designed site is deployed within the next several weeks. The group is also assigned the lead responsibility for responding to questions from other offices, such as OPA and OCIO, about the release of documents related to nuclear reactors. The NRR staff was informed about the group in an e-mail dated November 8, 2001, which encouraged them to direct questions to the group through the e-mail address NRR_INFOREVIEW. The review group currently consists of the following individuals:

Carl Konzman, PMAS
Margie Kotzalas, PMAS
Bill Reckley, DLPM
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The review group is currently working with the OEDO, OGC, and other offices to evaluate documents and related processes for providing information to the public. Some information we withhold in the future will likely include information that the agency has historically released to the general public. Although the process is evolving and pending further guidance from the Commission, the general goal in the interim will be to identify information that provides details about plant layouts and design or operational vulnerabilities whose exploitation might be significant. Of course we will continue to meet our legal requirements for record keeping and the support of public participation in our regulatory processes.

The efforts to define the appropriate content for the NRR web site and for specific documents in our record keeping system will involve the participation of the staff responsible for specific web pages, documents, and technical areas. In the long-term, the review group will work to institutionalize the processes such that the control of potentially sensitive material is incorporated into routine staff activities. In the interim, the review group will be responsible for reviewing those documents requested by external parties or brought to them by the staff for assessing potentially sensitive information, including the review of NUREG reports prior to publication by OCIO.

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