

From: Gilbert Millman
To: Mindy Landau
Date: 3/7/02 9:53AM
Subject: Re: Reposting of NUREGs

Thanks.

>>> Mindy Landau 03/07/02 09:51AM >>>
yes.

>>> Gilbert Millman 03/07/02 09:30AM >>>

OCIO staff have been pushing very hard for RES to approve RGs for reposting to the web. In some cases, the title of the RG makes it sound like a document is sensitive, but when reviewed is clearly not. I wouldn't refer to these documents as "entirely benign" but they are. A better term is "not sensitive" which you used in your previous e-mail. I guess I keep hearing the same conclusion, and that is if a document can be determined to be nonsensitive, by whatever means, it can be released to the public by web or paper means. Is that your understanding?

Thanks for your help. Gil

>>> Mindy Landau 03/07/02 08:45AM >>>

We can discuss this at next week's meeting, but it sounds like you've already been making the determination that certain material is not sensitive. We are not anticipating that the Commission guidance will change so I think it's safe to say that if you feel there is no sensitivity, according to the current guidance, it's ok to release... however, we may want to use a higher threshold for the web, at least until we get the official guidance.

>>> Gilbert Millman 03/07/02 08:39AM >>>

Mindy, We (RES) have been approving the release of NUREGs and Regulatory guides, based on the latest Commission guidance, that are technical and could contain sensitive information, but don't. This is very different from a document that is "entirely benign" because it does not even refer to a potentially sensitive subject. Should we stop releasing any technical documents that need to be measured against the Commission guidance. I've asked this question repeatedly at the Steering Committee meetings but never get an unambiguous answer. My read of your response is that if a document is of a technical subject that needs to be evaluated against the Commission guidance, it shouldn't be released. Of course one could always say that most documents can be released based on common sense, and because Commission guidance isn't really needed to make those determinations, those documents are benign. In any event, many documents continue to be in ADAMS, and as I read the draft criteria, those documents are automatically releasable.

Now that we've had several months of working with various draft criteria/guidance, I believe we need a meeting on how to handle these agency-wide issues until the time the final criteria are approved. As you know, there is a great deal of pressure to release documents both through the web and paper. Gil

>>> Mindy Landau 03/07/02 08:17AM >>>
both

>>> Gilbert Millman 03/07/02 07:49AM >>>
Are you referring to the web, paper, or both?

>>> Mindy Landau 03/07/02 07:47AM >>>

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For the NUREGs, we made a collective decision that unless they were entirely benign we would wait until the commission approved the guidance.

>>> Gilbert Millman 03/06/02 08:27AM >>>

Mindy, Is there any reason why NUREGs that have been approved to be released in paper form based on the Commission guidance of 1/25/02 cannot be reposted to the external web site based on the same review and approval?