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NRC RESTORES ADDITIONAL, HEARING-RELATED DOCUMENTS TO ITS WEB SITE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has restored additional documents to its Web site, after reviewing them for security sensitivity. The restored documents pertain to reactor-related matters and two nuclear materials cases in the agency's Electronic Hearing Docket.

As announced on Oct. 25, the NRC suspended public access to major portions of its Web site to conduct a security review and remove documents that could reasonably be expected to aid a potential terrorist.

The restored portion of the Electronic Hearing Docket may now be publicly accessed at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/ehd.html>. Available at this Web site location are Atomic Safety and Licensing Board orders, transcripts, pleadings and other documents submitted as part of ongoing hearings involving reactors and hearings regarding Sequoyah Fuels and Hydro Resources.

The high-level radioactive waste portion of the Electronic Hearing Docket was restored earlier, as announced in a Nov. 4 press release. Access has also been restored to references to the NRC staff's document collection in its electronic Licensing Support Network (www.lsnnet.gov) for a possible application for a high-level waste repository.

"We are moving expeditiously to complete the necessary determinations and restore public access to appropriate documents on our Web site because we believe there is great benefit in being as open with the public as possible while preserving national security," said NRC Chairman Nils J. Diaz. "We will take the time needed to thoroughly review the information and remove any remaining questionable documents."

The NRC expects to restore access to additional documents on nuclear reactors, and other documents not related to specific facilities soon, after security reviews are completed. However, the agency will continue to withhold any information that could be useful, or could reasonably be expected to be useful, to a potential terrorist.

Public web access to additional non-reactor documents (i.e., documents related to nuclear materials licenses) will be restored later, after document reviews are completed.

In addition, access has been restricted to the NRC's Sealed (Radioactive) Source and Device registry.

Pending further restorations of the agency Web site at www.nrc.gov , time-sensitive documents 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 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or pdr@nrc.gov , as will be announced in appropriate Federal Register notices.

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