

November 13, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
Commissioner Svinicki

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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF LICENSING SUPPORT NETWORK ADVISORY
REVIEW PANEL (LSNARP) CHARTER

The current LSNARP Charter expires on December 6, 2008. While the Committee has not had a need for a meeting since December 2003, it is recommended that the Charter be renewed at this time so that it is in place, ready to assist/advise in the event new issues come up during refresh opportunities or ongoing use of the LSN.

The LSN Administrator is planning for a technology refresh for the LSN system in the FY-2010 time frame. The LSNARP demonstrated much of its benefit and utility during the development of LSN functional requirements, developing overall design concepts, bibliographic header structure, etc. That work was accomplished essentially by the technical subcommittees established by the LSNARP, which were disbanded subsequent to accomplishing their limited tasks. In order to continue the agency's long track record of openness and stakeholder involvement in the LSN, some forum for engaging parties' technical representatives during technology refresh opportunities should be available. That need is likely to occur in FY-2009 (planning) and FY-2010 (execution).

There are no revisions suggested to the current charter (attached).

Attachment: As stated.

cc: ASLBP
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

CHARTER

LICENSING SUPPORT NETWORK ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL

1. **Establishment and Official Designation**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Rules of Practice in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J, establish the basic procedures for the submission and management of records and documents relating to the licensing of a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLW). The procedures include the use of an electronic information management system known as the Licensing Support Network (LSN). Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1011(d) there is established an advisory committee designated as the LSN Advisory Review Panel.

2. **Objectives, Scope of Activity, and Duties**

The LSN Advisory Review Panel shall provide advice to:

- a. The NRC on the fundamental issues of the type of computer system necessary to access the Licensing Support Network;
- b. The Secretary of the Commission on the operation and maintenance of the electronic docket established for the HLW geologic repository licensing proceeding; and
- c. The LSN Administrator on solutions to improve the functioning of the LSN.

The LSN Advisory Review Panel shall provide advice on:

- a. The format standards for providing electronic access to the documentary material certified by each participant to be made available in the LSN to the other parties, interested governmental participants, or potential parties;
- b. Procedures and standards for the electronic transmission of filings, orders, and decisions during both the pre-licensing application phase and the high-level waste licensing proceeding; and

- c. Other duties as specified in 10 CFR Part 2 or as directed by the Secretary of the Commission or the Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP).

After commencement of the high-level waste repository licensing proceeding, the primary focus of the LSN Advisory Review Panel will be on broad, long-term, technical issues relating to the operation and maintenance of the LSN and continuing assessments as to how and whether LSN is performing its intended function and serving users' needs.

3. **Duration**

The LSN Advisory Review Panel is expected to operate on a continuing basis through the conclusion of the NRC proceeding on whether to grant a license to DOE to emplace waste at the repository.

4. **Official to Whom the Committee Reports**

The Panel reports to the Chief Administrative Judge, ASLBP.

5. **Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will provide the necessary support through the LSN Administrator.

6. **Membership**

Membership includes representatives who wish to participate from those organizations who served on the predecessor NRC High-Level Waste Licensing Support System Advisory Committee. This includes representatives of the State of Nevada, the Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the affected units of local government in Nevada, the National Congress of American Indians, the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, and a coalition of industry groups. Selected Federal agencies with substantial experience in electronic information management systems may also be included on the Panel. Consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary of the Commission may appoint additional representatives, giving particular consideration to potential parties to the HLW licensing proceeding, those who later acquire actual party status, and interested governmental participants.

7. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**

The LSN Advisory Review Panel is expected to meet approximately one to two times a year and may utilize video conferencing and the computer-based capabilities of the internet.

8. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs**

The estimated annual operating costs for the LSN Advisory Review Panel are \$15,000 and 0.2 FTE.

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