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Additional Yucca Mountain Documents Made Available on NRC's Licensing Support Network to Facilitate Yucca Mountain Licensing Proceeding

Las Vegas, NV. -- The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) today made publicly available about 2.1 million additional Yucca Mountain-related documents through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Licensing Support Network (LSN). The LSN is an electronic database established by the NRC to support the agency's licensing proceeding for the nation's first spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

NRC's regulations for the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding (10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J), require that all parties make their relevant documentary material publicly available on the LSN and certify their collections. The DOE must certify its LSN collection six months before the DOE submits its license application to the NRC

DOE currently plans to certify its LSN collection not later than December 21, 2007 and to submit its license application for authorization to construct the Yucca Mountain repository not later than June 30, 2008. DOE has already made about 1.3 million documents available on the LSN. As of today, DOE's collection of documents publicly available on the LSN now totals some 3.4 million documents, including scientific, engineering and other license related documents, and is estimated to exceed 30 million pages.

Today's early disclosure of additional documentary material in advance of DOE's LSN certification is intended to facilitate and expedite the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding and to assist the NRC staff, the State of Nevada and potential parties to the Yucca Mountain proceeding in their review of DOE's documentary material. DOE will continue to add non-privileged documents to the LSN on an ongoing basis.

The NRC's LSN web site is at <http://www.lsnnet.gov>. Persons without access to the internet may use the public access computers at the following locations: DOE public reading room (1E-190), U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C.; and most libraries worldwide.