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**Cc:** [Moody, Dustin \(Fed\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PQC Round 2 report  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:48:34 AM

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Hi, Jeffrey,

Thank you for help. The world is waiting for 3<sup>rd</sup> round announcement . But the report is critical to tell people why we make those decisions. Therefore, we determined to release the report together with the announcement.

Lily

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**From:** "Marron, Jeffrey A. (Fed)" <jeffrey.marron@nist.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: PQC Round 2 report

Thanks for the heads up Sara.

There are not any scheduled ERB meetings these days. I will be sure to review and approve as soon as I can after Jim St.Pierre approves at the lab level—no more than a couple days needed for me.

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**From:** Kerman, Sara J. (Fed) <sara.kerman@nist.gov>  
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Hi Lily,

Jim Foti and I were just exchanging emails with Dustin about this. Isabel does a light copy-edit on all NIST pubs prior to ERB. ERB meets every Wednesday, but under special circumstances, pubs can be approved out-of-band.

Jim signs off at the OU, however, Kevin Stine reviews also (as cybersecurity advisor), prior to going to ITL.

Sara

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**From:** Chen, Lily (Fed) <[lily.chen@nist.gov](mailto:lily.chen@nist.gov)>  
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**Subject:** PQC Round 2 report

Hi, Sara,

PQC Round 2 report is on the way to be released together with the announcement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

I am reading the report at every status. Matt is aware the situation of the urgency. I think he will look at it next week. Two readers, Andy and a NSA guy are also reading and provide comments. Therefore, group manager, division chief, readers will sign off as soon as the report is completed.

The factors which may impact the time of approval are ITL level approval and ERB board. Do you know how often the ERB board is meeting now? Do you know who is the signer of the Lab, Jim or Chuck?

Thanks,  
Lily