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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jaczko  
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Commissioner Apostolakis  
Commissioner Magwood  
Commissioner Ostendorff

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SUBJECT: REQUEST CLOSURE OF SEVERAL NEW REACTOR  
TASKINGS

The purpose of this memorandum is to request closure of four work item tracking system (WITS) tasks: WITS 201100096, WITS 200600431, and WITS 200100018, and WITS 200900165. As the new reactor program matured, these four tasks have become subsumed within other tasks or no longer relevant to current staff work.

WITS 201100096

WITS 201100096 requires the staff to periodically report on the status of programs that maintain and manage inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) per staff requirements memorandum (SRM) to SECY-10-0117 "Proposed Rule: Requirements for Maintenance of Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria." Specifically, the SRM says that "[a]s staff gains experience with the ITAAC closure process, and as enhancements are identified, programs that maintain and manage ITAAC should be modified to include these improvements. The [s]taff should periodically inform the Commission on the status of these programs." The staff also has a WITS task (WITS 201100140) to provide an annual Commission paper on the Construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP) self assessment. ITAAC is a component of the cROP and is addressed in this annual cROP paper. Therefore, the staff requests closure of WITS 201100096 because WITS 201100140 have subsumed these tasks.

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WITS 200600431

WITS 200600431 requires the staff to provide regular, periodic briefings on preparation for combined license applications and new reactor activities. With the issuance of two combined operating licenses for four units, the staff is well past the preparation phase. Several years ago, at the request of the Commission, the staff began conducting briefings on specific new reactor topics rather than annual briefings on preparation activities. This year, the Commission requested the staff conduct a briefing on the new reactor business line. The task identified in WITS 200600431 is no longer relevant to staff work or has become redundant.

WITS 200100018 and WITS200900165

WITS 200100018 requires the staff to provide quarterly updates on the status of new reactor licensing activities and associated resource and schedule implications. The staff requests that this task be closed because it is redundant to the new reactor licensing input provided in WITS 200300066, which tasks staff to publish the Semiannual Report to Congress.

WITS 200900165 requires the staff to provide status information regarding the development of fusion technology in the quarterly updates on the status of new reactor licensing activities. If the quarterly updates are eliminated, this tasking should also be eliminated also. This information will continue to be included in the Semiannual Report to Congress and this tasking may also be closed. Although the Semiannual Report to Congress is issued twice a year and the quarterly update is issued four times a year, there are now several mechanisms for the Commission to receive this information, including the monthly status report.

Based on the justifications provided above, the staff requests that the Commission grant the closure of WITS 201100096, WITS 200600431, WITS 200100018, and WITS 200900165.

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