

March 12, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary */RA/*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC BRIEFING ON NEW REACTOR ISSUES, 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2007, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE,
MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the transition to the Office of New Reactors, its staffing, and the status of new reactor licensing activities.

The staff should evaluate if its "New Reactor Licensing Applications" chart can be modified to distinguish better between general letters of intent and actual commitments to proceed with new reactor licensing.

The staff should provide the Commission more information on the approach (deterministic or risk-informed) expected to be taken by new reactor applicants, including fire protection and any other relevant areas.

The staff should continue to engage Codes and Standards Committees to assist them in prioritizing issuance of Codes and Standards that will be needed to support new reactors.

The staff should coordinate resource needs for new reactor licensing with the licensing boards and OGC.

The staff should include necessary funding in its future budget requests for completion of the remaining infrastructure work, including updating regulatory guides that did not receive a high priority in past budgets.

At future periodic briefings on new reactor activities, priority topics should include digital instrumentation and control, environmental issues, external outreach activities, technical review challenges, and construction inspection and oversight programs, not listed in any particular order.

cc: Chairman Klein
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