

March 26, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC BRIEFING ON NEW REACTOR ISSUES, 9:30 A.M. AND 1:30 P.M.,  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy (DOE), on DOE's overall strategy and support for advanced reactors, and the status of the Next Generation Nuclear Plant (NGNP) program, including the DOE/NRC cooperative development of a licensing strategy. In addition, the Commission was briefed by industry representatives on their interest in NGNP and on various NGNP reactor designs. Finally, the Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of new reactor reviews and on advanced reactor licensing activities.

The staff should continue pursuing funding to support its FY08 and FY09 efforts on the NGNP program.

The staff should provide the Commission with a draft of the Report to Congress on the NGNP licensing strategy prior to May.

cc: Chairman Klein  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons  
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