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MEMORANDUM TO: Janice Dunn Lee  
Office of International Programs

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING ON NRC  
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, 9:30 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 18,  
1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE  
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the Director of Office of International Programs (OIP) and representatives from the program offices (Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, and Office of Research) on NRC's international activities. The guidance in this Staff Requirements Memorandum supplements earlier guidance on periodic briefings contained in the SRM - COMSECY-99-012 - Office of International Programs Annual Report.

The Commission requested the staff to provide statistical information on visits from foreign governments and international organizations prior to the next annual briefing from OIP. The data should include information on the number and nature of these visits at both the Commission level and the staff (technical) level.

An important element of our international programs is on a continuing basis to benchmark NRC's regulatory program with the major foreign partners (France, UK, Japan), and understand the differences in our programs. With respect to the foreign assignee program, the Commission requests that the assignee's assessment at the conclusion of their assignment include comments on what NRC could learn from foreign regulatory programs. The Commission is also interested in how much personnel exchange the NRC does where NRC employees spend some time with regulators of other countries to learn from them, and how these exchanges are planned into NRC programs.

The Commission supports the staff's initiative to form a council to address international policy and program implementation.

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