

August 27, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-148 - CREDIT FOR  
EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to use Option 3: focus staff review guidance in standard review plan on areas where existing programs should be augmented, as described in SECY-99-148, to provide credit for existing programs for license renewal.

The staff should proceed with the development of the Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report and the license renewal Standard Review Plan (SRP) and regulatory guide. The GALL report should receive the benefit of the experience from the staff members who conducted the review of the license renewal applications. The staff should ensure that lessons learned on the initial license renewal applications are incorporated in these documents and should provide them to the Commission for information when they are released for public comment. The staff should ensure that regulatory guidance is clear and understandable to stakeholders so that the license renewal process is stable and predictable for future applicants.

The staff should seek stakeholders' participation in the development of the GALL report, SRP, and regulatory guide and should inform the Commission of any significant issues that may arise from this process.

- a. When the GALL report and SRP are issued in draft for public comment, workshops should be held to bring all interested stakeholders up to date.
- b. Hold focused public meetings between the staff and stakeholders to resolve comments on individual issues.
- c. Hold a Commission briefing after the comment period and the staff's initial evaluation of the comments.

The final GALL report and final SRP should be submitted to the Commission for approval prior to publication.

As more data is accumulated from license renewal applications of different designs, and experience is gained from reviewing more applications, the staff should prepare a detailed analysis and provide recommendations to the Commission on whether it would be appropriate to resolve generic technical issues, including any credit for existing programs, by rulemaking. The GALL report, SRP, and regulatory guide should also be updated, as appropriate, to capture

the additional lessons learned and improve the license renewal process.

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