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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON EXISTING EVENT PROCEDURES (INCLUDING FEDERAL RESPONSE PLAN AND COORDINATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES), 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the existing event response procedures, including the Federal Response Plan, and coordination of Federal agencies in response to terrorist activities.

The Commission requested that the staff provide the following additional information:

- a. Provide a milestone schedule concerning further courses of action: development of the concept of operations; revision of NRC incident response procedures; informing licensees, States and FBI field offices of any changes in procedures; training of NRC responders; and conducting table top exercises with the licensees, States and the FBI. Provide information on the extent that these activities have been coordinated with the proper authorities and the extent that NRC facilities are being covered under the plans. The Commission encourages the staff to move forward quickly with table top exercises. The staff should also examine the feasibility and resources for a live exercise involving the Commission.
- b. Provide additional information on Joint Operations Centers (JOCs), including locations, the point at which they are initiated, participants at the JOCs, and timeline of when each stage takes place.
- c. Identify and pursue funding from external organizations to facilitate development of response capabilities and training for event response, and identify any resource needs or constraints to NRC's ability to respond to terrorist events.

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