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MEMORANDUM TO: John T. Larkins
Executive Director, ACRS/ACNW

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING WITH ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS (ACRS) 9:30 A.M.,
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1999, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by members of the ACRS on the following topics:

1. Strategy for Reviewing License Renewal Applications
2. Risk-Informing 10 CFR Part 50
3. Risk-Informing 10 CFR 50.59
4. Relationship and Balance Between PRA Results and Defense-in-Depth

The Committee should evaluate the importance measures derived from PRAs that are currently being contemplated for risk-informing Part 50 and, where appropriate, provide recommended additions or alternatives.

The ACRS should provide the Commission with examples of impediments to the increased use of risk-informed regulation, an evaluation of the significance of these impediments, and, as appropriate, proposed solutions to identified problems.

(ACRS) (SECY Suspense: 2/29/00)

The ACRS should review the technical adequacy of the performance indicators (current and proposed) for the new reactor oversight process, which includes an assessment of the extent to which the performance indicators, collectively, provide meaningful insights into those areas of plant operation that are most important to safety. The ACRS should provide feedback to the Commission in sufficient time to inform the Commission decision regarding implementation of the new process scheduled for mid-2000.

(ACRS) (SECY Suspense: 3/15/00)

Post-briefing questions from the Commissioners will be forwarded by the Chairman to the ACRS for response.

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