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NOTE TO: Janice Dunn Lee, Director
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SUBJECT: Meeting Summary - Weekly FSU Status Meeting, June 27, 2000

Purpose:

The purpose of this note is to document the results of the weekly FSU Status Meeting, held on Thursday, June 15, 2000. A list of attendees is included as an Attachment.

Discussion:

Janice Dunn Lee began the meeting by noting that OIP's draft letter to Congress responding to the recommendations in the GAO report is being reviewed by the Commissioners before it is signed by the Chairman. On a related matter, Janice said that she expects the Commission to ask for more information on the issues identified in the GAO report during the Commission Briefing on NRC International Activities, scheduled for August 15. She said that it would be wise to prepare information for the briefing that describes the problems, recommendations, corrective actions underway and planned, and how OIP expects to avoid the apparent problems identified by GAO in the future. The information should be succinct, she said.

Jack Ramsey summarized accomplishments during his recent visit to Armenia, and said he plans to prepare a brief Commission paper describing how the regulatory situation in Armenia has improved during the last five years. He reminded the group that he also would like to debrief the staff on his earlier visit to Kazakhstan.

Jack Ramsey informed the group that he is preparing to respond to Meridian's request that NRC representatives meet with their Kazakh visitors next week. He must first seek additional information on the purpose of their visit, and what issues are of most interest before any arrangements can be made, he said.

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Donna Marie mentioned that she will be meeting with three Hungarian regulatory representatives on Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29 of this week, and will accompany the representatives during a visit to the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, and during meetings with several of the Commissioners.

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Gordon Fowler explained plans under development for the NRR visit to Russia and Ukraine in September. Angelo Marinos will travel to Russia during the week of July 10, and will participate in a planning meeting with GAN and NRC's contractor Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to discuss the Computerized Instrumentation and Control Systems Workshop to be conducted by LLNL in Moscow in September. Janice asked Gordon to prepare a short description of the planning meeting for the weekly items of interest document.

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Janice pointed out that cooperation and assistance to the FSU and CEE must be managed as an integrated program at the NRC. The importance of close coordination among the program offices for conducting this work is an item that should be raised during the International Council Meeting.

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The need to begin developing a strategic plan that addresses performance of nuclear safety assistance activities in the FSU and CEE was raised. Beth Doroshuk will contact the NRC's contractor for matters involving the strategic plan and arrange a meeting to discuss assistance needed by OIP to develop a plan for this work.

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WEEKLY FSU MEETING

June 27, 2000

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1. Janice Dunn Lee
2. Gordon Fowler
3. Mary Carter
4. Donna-Marie-Perez
5. Jack Ramsey
6. Beth Doroshuk

ATTACHMENT