

January 8, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Nils J. Diaz */RA/*

SUBJECT: COMNJD-02-0001 - ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF NRC'S
ACTIVITIES ON LICENSEES' OPERATIONS

REF: SECY-01-0228

The above referenced SECY and its historical background makes a compelling case for surveying the impact of NRC's programs on licensees' operation. Obviously, the systematic solicitation of feedback is quite beneficial and is a sound enhancement of the needed two-way communication with our licensees.

I recommend we further improve the process, without changing any of the existing mechanisms, by adding an independent survey by a qualified contractor to supplement the staff's assessment. It should be conducted this year and repeated every five years.

SECY: please track.