January 29, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Janice Dunn Lee, Director

Office of International Programs

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMSECY-01-0037 - CSN

REQUEST FOR NRR SUPPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF

RISK-INFORMED INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

The Commission has approved the staff's proposed response to the request from the Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear (CSN) to provide support in a pilot effort to use risk-informed inspections in the Spanish regulatory program. Specifically, the NRC would provide the assistance of three NRC inspectors with extensive experience in implementing the NRC reactor oversight process, including inspections, at a two-day seminar in Madrid, Spain, and a two-day pilot inspection.

NRC participants should be cognizant of high-level issues being examined by staff and the ACRS (Ref: 12/20/2001 SRM on M011205B) with respect to risk-informed inspection processes.

cc: Chairman Meserve

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