

February 1, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: MEETINGS ON NRC RESPONSE TO
STAKEHOLDERS' CONCERNS

In February 2000, the Commission agreed to continue to schedule broad "stakeholder" meetings on an annual basis, or more frequently, if needed, and asked the staff to evaluate the benefit of these meetings after two more years of experience. During this time the Commission has continued to include individual stakeholders in meetings on a variety of specific topics which allowed for an in-depth exchange of views. There have been a total of six stakeholder meetings with the most recent meeting held on October 18, 2001, on the progress of regulatory reform. The principal benefits of the broad stakeholder meetings have been the opportunity to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to obtain their perspective on the overall direction of the NRC and whether we are meeting our goals, and improving the openness of the agency. A continuation of these types of interactions with stakeholders may continue to provide beneficial insights and suggestions that can be useful in making further improvements in the regulatory process, and informing the strategic planning process, and interactions with Congress.

SECY plans to continue to consider scheduling stakeholder meetings annually, or as needed, with the nature of the discussions somewhat broad. In the case of the last stakeholder meeting the Commission did not set the agenda but allowed participants to raise issues they wanted to bring to the Commission's attention.

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