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TRIP REPORT

MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Regional Administrator  
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FROM: Ken Davis, Physical Security Inspector (Upward Mobility)  
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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT NRC PUBLIC MEETING  
AND INDUSTRY MEETING  
DATE(S) OF VISIT: April 8 and April 9, 2002  
Purpose of Visit: To Share Observations and Lessons Learned from attending  
NRC Public Meeting and Industry Meeting

OBSERVATIONS NOTED WITH VISIT:

I attended NRC sponsored Public Meeting and Industry Meeting in headquarters on April 8 and April 9, 2002, respectively, concerning the establishment of the new office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR), and the agency's post 9/11 activities involving nuclear power security and public reassurance of NRC's actions at nuclear power facilities.

Attending the public meeting on April 8, 2002, were representatives of NSIR, the Union of Concerned Scientists, Greenpeace, and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). Participating members shared a common concern relating to the agency's efforts to propagate appropriate rulemaking, and provide timely safeguard responses to protect nuclear power facilities, from acts of terrorism. Their concern was that the agency has not done enough to bolster public confidence to meet the challenges introduced by the events of 9/11. Other concerns involved foreign nationals working at nuclear power plants, and frustration that the agency had unjustly shut down the public web site for a period of time, thereby, withholding information from public stakeholders.

A second meeting was held on April 9, 2002, with industry stakeholders. This meeting focused on activities surrounding the implementation of the Order for Interim Compensatory Measures effective February 25, 2002. Attending this meeting were members of NSIR, licensee security managers, NRC contractors, and NEI. Licensee security managers and NEI continued to expressed a need for additional guidance to implement the Order. The agency agreed to provide answers and resolution to issues that NEI presented. Ultimately, NEI will provide insights learned from the meeting for NRC review, and incorporate these additional guidance into the original NEI guidance document.

During both meetings the agency enumerated a list of activities initiated in the wake of post 9/11 terrorist activities. Attendees were informed that the Commission determined that a greater efficiency and effectiveness would be achieved by consolidating certain NRC safeguards, security and incident response functions by creating the office of NSIR. Similarly, the agency has implemented Orders to nuclear power licensees, delineating regulatory requirements to more effectively safeguards power plants from acts of terrorism.

In conclusion, I observed that the NRC sponsored these types of meetings with public and industry stakeholders to inform, and to promote common understanding and to share professional opinions involving regulatory matters.

cc: Regional Administrator  
Division Secretary

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