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MEMORANDUM TO:           Stuart Reiter  
                                  Chief Information Officer

FROM:                       Janice Dunn Lee, Director    /RA/  
                                  Office of International Programs

SUBJECT:                    CHANGES TO THE *CITIZENS' GUIDE TO THE NRC*

Please replace the sections on pg. 6 involving "International Involvement" and on pg. 13 involving "International Community" with the following:

**PG. 6 International Involvement.** The NRC participates in a wide range of mutually beneficial programs to exchange information with its counterparts in the international community and to enhance the safety and security of peaceful nuclear activities worldwide. A low cost, high impact program, this provides health and safety information and assistance to other countries. Among the NRC's international activities are: the licensing of imports and exports for nuclear facilities, equipment, materials, and related commodities; the development of legal instruments addressing issues such as nonproliferation, safety, spent fuel, and waste management; collaboration in numerous international and joint research projects on nuclear safety; and the maintenance of arrangements with counterpart foreign national regulatory organizations for information exchange.

The NRC has also taken a leadership role in international organizations such as the International Nuclear Regulators Association, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency. Select **What We Do**, then **Nuclear Security and Safeguards** at our Web site for more information.

**PG.13 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

To promote nuclear safety in the international community, the NRC has taken a leadership role in developing and improving international organizations such as the International Nuclear Regulators Association, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). For example, its implementation of IAEA safeguards at U.S. nuclear facilities licensed by the NRC has helped strengthen IAEA effectiveness worldwide. The NRC also provides for bilateral information exchange and cooperation on nuclear safety through letters of agreement with its counterpart foreign national regulatory authorities, which ensure prompt notification of safety problems warranting action or investigation. Additionally, over 60 joint international safety research agreements with other countries enable sharing technical information, funding, technical support, and the results of joint research projects and programs. To improve nuclear safety regulation of Soviet-designed reactors, the NRC assists the Former Soviet Union

countries through training, workshops, and peer review of regulatory documents, working group meetings, and technical information and specialist exchanges. Other activities in the international arena include licensing imports and exports of nuclear facilities, major components, material, and related commodities as well as assisting in the development of legal instruments in the nuclear field to address vital issues in the nuclear safety field. Select **What We Do**, then **International Programs** at our Web site for more information.

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