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To: All NRC Employees
SUBJECT: STAFFING OF FUTURE LICENSING ORGANIZATION

Yellow Announcement No. 16 (March 16, 2001) described plans to establish the Future Licensing Organization (FLO) within NRR to prepare for and manage future reactor and site licensing applications. In addition to an overview of anticipated activities associated with building and licensing new nuclear plants, that announcement discussed the solicitation of staff interested in rotational assignments to FLO.

Over 40 NRC Form 711s were submitted for the section chief and project manager rotational positions. An additional 25 staff expressed interest in rotations, as well as the permanent organization. All candidates were considered during identification and selection of the appropriate staff for each of the rotational positions. I thank everyone who expressed interest in these opportunities.

Richard Barrett is the Acting SES Manager, reporting directly to the Associate Director for Inspection and Programs, Bill Borchardt. Marsha Gamberoni is assigned as the Acting Section Chief, reporting to Dr. Barrett.

The FLO staff consists of Jerry Wilson, Senior Policy Analyst; Thomas Kenyon, Siting Project Manager; Alan Rae, a foreign assignee from the United Kingdom, AP 1000 Project Manager; Nanette Gilles, Future Licensing and Inspection Readiness Assessment Lead; Joseph Williams, Senior Project Manager; Eric Benner, Regulatory Infrastructure Lead; and Joseph Sebrosky, ITAAC and Construction Project Manager. The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research has lead responsibility for longer-range and non-LWR advanced reactor initiatives, such as the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) pre-application review. Diane Jackson and Amy Cabbage are the FLO Project Co-Managers coordinating NRR's support to RES for the PBMR review.

One of the primary responsibilities of FLO will be to coordinate an interoffice effort to assess the technical, licensing, and inspection capabilities to ensure that the agency can effectively carry out its future licensing activities. Additional resources from each of the Divisions, as well as RES, NMSS and OGC, have been identified to support this effort. This activity will ultimately result in a determination of the staffing and organization required to support future licensing activities. The Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Monitoring process will be used in allocating resources to this new initiative.

Dr. Barrett will be replaced with a permanent SES manager at the end of June 2001. Following the identification of staffing needs, the other positions will be filled through the standard posting processes.

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Samuel J. Collins, Director
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