

May 17, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Cathy Haney, Program Director
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PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT QUALITY ACTION PLAN

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The staff noted that the industry efforts were complementary to the staff's and agreed to meet with the industry to continue a technical information exchange. The staff also agreed that it may be appropriate to reference the industry program in its action plan.

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Probabilistic Risk Assessment Quality Action Plan
May 13, 2004
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