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To: All NRC Employees
SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER McGAFFIGAN'S STAFF SELECTION

On January 28, 2002, Heather Astwood will become my materials technical assistant, filling the position left open by Janet Schlueter's return to the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards as Chief, High-Level Waste Branch, in the Division of Waste Management. Janet will assume her new position on February 11, 2002.

Heather received her B.A. in Geology from Clemson University in ^{Ex 6} [redacted] and her M.S. in Nuclear Geochemistry from the University of South Carolina in ^{Ex 6} [redacted]. She began her career at NRC in 1991 in the NMSS Intern Program through which she completed rotations in the Division of Low-Level Waste, the Division of High-Level Waste and the Division of Nuclear Material Safety in Region IV. After graduating from the intern program in 1993, Heather was permanently assigned to the Division of Waste Management as a geochemist and project manager where she was involved in the decommissioning of the Babcock and Wilcox Apollo and Parks Township facilities. In 1997, Heather moved to the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards to take a position as an environmental scientist. She served as a member of the Part 70 Task Force assigned to finalize risk informed revisions to the Part 70 regulations. Since 1999, Heather has been in the Special Projects Branch of FCSS as the project manager for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. In 2001, Heather completed a four month rotation as materials technical assistant to Commissioner Merrifield where she provided outstanding assistance on a broad spectrum of materials issues.

Also upon Janet's departure, Jeffry Sharkey will become my executive assistant in addition to his duties as reactor technical assistant. Jeff has been on my staff since October 1996 and continues to provide indispensable support.

I welcome Heather to our office and wish Janet well in her new assignment.

/RA/
Edward McGaffigan, Jr.
Commissioner

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