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MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director of Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON DECOMMISSIONING
ACTIVITIES AND STATUS, 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2004, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE
ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the NRC's decommissioning activities and status which are now encompassed by the Comprehensive Decommissioning Program. In addition, three stakeholders who represented, respectively, an industry organization, a State regulator, and a corporation engaged in decommissioning complex sites, commented on their experiences with the NRC's decommissioning process.

At the next annual briefing on decommissioning activities staff should discuss its progress in capturing lessons learned and best practices from recent experience which can instruct both licensees and NRC staff undertaking current and future decommissioning projects.

Staff should continue to address salient issues that affect the efficiency and effectiveness of NRC's decommissioning program, including: improving radiological monitoring; establishing measures to provide finality in the decommissioning process; improving consistency among State and Federal regulators; and enhancing guidance to better address issues of flexibility in decommissioning approaches and institutional controls for restricted release scenarios.

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