

September 22, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz  
Commissioner Merrifield  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Luis A. Reyes **/RA William F. Kane Acting for/**  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: STATUS OF DECOMMISSIONING PROGRAM - 2005 ANNUAL  
REPORT

This memorandum provides the Commission with the staff's 2005 Annual Report on the Status of the Decommissioning Program. This report provides a comprehensive summary of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Decommissioning Program. Its purpose is to provide a stand-alone reference document that summarizes the status of all decommissioning activities since the last report, through September 1, 2005, including the decommissioning of complex decommissioning materials sites, commercial reactors, research and test reactors, uranium mill tailings facilities, and fuel cycle facilities. In addition, this report discusses accomplishments in the Decommissioning Program since last year's report (NUREG-1814), and it informs the Commission of decommissioning issues that the staff will address in the coming year.

In the Staff Requirements Memorandum to SECY-04-0024, "Recommended Changes to NRC's Decommissioning Program and Annual Decommissioning Program Report", March 12, 2004, the Commission approved several changes to the Annual Decommissioning Report, including the publication of the Annual Report as a NUREG every two years. In the odd numbered years the Commission directed the staff to publish the report as a shortened report to the Commission, referencing the decommissioning website.

Site summaries for all decommissioning sites are accessible to the Commission and the public through the NRC's Decommissioning website. To ensure that the website is current, information on sites undergoing decommissioning is reviewed bi-monthly, and updated as necessary. Updates are performed by the respective Project Managers in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Regions.

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