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MEMORANDUM TO: Eileen McKenna, Acting Program Director
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 31, 2005 PUBLIC MEETING ON RADIATION
PROTECTION PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR A COMBINED
OPERATING LICENSE UNDER 10 CFR PART 52

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After asking for public comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum: Following the meeting, Mr. Pedersen provided the following proposed milestones and comment, (1) prior to receiving licensed radioactive sources, (2) prior to receiving fuel onsite, and (3) prior to loading fuel into the vessel. At milestone 3, the program needs to be fully implemented (with exceptions such as transportation of radioactive materials program and QA) - plus the additional technical specification requirement to have a qualified Health Physics Technician onsite whenever fuel is in the vessel.

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Meeting on Radiation COL Issues**

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