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MEMORANDUM TO: Frank M. Akstulewicz, Chief
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MODEL LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST, MODEL
SAFETY EVALUATION, AND REVIEW PLAN FOR TSTF-476,
REVISION 0

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ITSB seeks to better streamline the CLIIP amendment approval process by developing review plans associated with each CLIIP. The review plans will define to what extent technical branches, other than ITSB, are required to review license amendments submitted to adopt these generic technical specification (TS) changes. The review plan for a CLIIP is predicated on the existence of a model LAR and model SE, which define the level of detail a licensee must include in their plant-specific LAR. A technical branch's concurrence on the review plan indicates that it is satisfied with the quality and content of the model LAR and model SE. The review plan is also an agreement by the technical branch to either: (1) review the technical merit of each LAR seeking to adopt the CLIIP, or (2) allow ITSB to draft and approve the plant-specific SE provided the licensee has met the requirements of the model application. In this second case, ITSB will generally route the first few plant-specific SEs through the technical branch for concurrence, and, after obtaining permission from the technical branch, begin sending its SEs directly to the project managers.

In the case of TSTF-476, I seek agreement from the Nuclear Performance and Code Review Branch (SNPB) to allow ITSB to perform technical reviews and draft plant-specific SEs for any licensee who submits a plant-specific LAR in accordance with Enclosure 1, and meets the requirements of Enclosure 2 for ITSB to act as the lead technical branch. Any submittals that deviate from the model LAR will be dispositioned per the guidance of Enclosure 2.

- Encl: 1. Federal Register Notice for Comment on TSTF-476, Revision 0 including Model License Amendment Request, Model Safety Evaluation, and Model No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination.
2. Review Plan for TSTF-476 CLIIP License Amendments

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