

May 1, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons

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Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION PROGRAM - 2005 ANNUAL TRENDS REPORT

Management Directive 8.8, "Management of Allegations," requires the Agency Allegations Advisor provide an independent annual report to the Executive Director for Operations that provides an analysis of allegation trends. A copy the annual trends report for calendar year 2005 is enclosed for your information. The staff intends to place the report in the ADAMS' public library five days from the date it is forwarded to the Commission.

The report contains analyses of national, regional, and site specific trends in the allegation data. The analyses provide insights into the safety conscious work environment (SCWE) at several reactor sites. Reports issued in previous years also included an analysis of Allegation Program performance against established process goals for timeliness, identity protection, and quality of responses. Often that resulted in issuance of the report in the third quarter of the year to allow for completion of both the trend analyses and performance assessments conducted by the program office. In order to accommodate more timely issuance of the trend analyses and SCWE insights coincident with the Reactor Oversight Process End-of-Cycle assessments in the first quarter of the year, the Office of Enforcement has provided the trend analyses at this time and will provide the results of performance assessments in a separate report.

The enclosed report also provides a summary of the staff's progress in carrying out the Commission's direction in several important areas involving the Allegation Program, including the implementation of the early Alternative Dispute Resolution process for cases of alleged discrimination and issuance of industry guidance on establishing and maintaining a SCWE. In addition, this report also discusses the staff's continuing efforts to address the Commission's direction to enhance the Reactor Oversight Process to more fully address safety culture,

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