

July 27, 2006

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

FROM: Luis A. Reyes */RA/*
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SUBJECT: JULY 2006 UPDATE: INCREASED CONTROL OF SOURCES

On August 15, 2005, the Commission directed the staff in a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) to implement the actions in COMSECY-05-0028, "Staff Response to SRM for COMSECY-05-0015: Initiatives for Increasing Agreement State Participation in the Control of Sources." In order to keep the Commission fully and currently informed during the initial implementation of the increased controls (IC), the staff has provided updates to the Commission through EDO Daily Notes, the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response Monthly Significant Security Activities Update, a Technical Assistants briefing, and Commission memoranda. The staff is also continuing to provide monthly and quarterly updates on the status of ongoing U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Agreement State activities relative to the IC. The staff's last monthly update was dated on June 2, 2006; the staff's last quarterly update was dated on July 3, 2006.

The Agreement States and NRC staff issued IC requirements for 2,880 licensees that are authorized to possess greater than or equal to a Category 2 quantity. Approximately 1,680 of the NRC and Agreement State licensees issued the IC indicated that they possess greater than or equal to a Category 2 quantity, will implement the requirements, and thus need to be inspected within the three year time frame established by the Commission. All Agreement States and NRC Regions have confirmed the ability to inspect all licensees, identified as high-risk based on the prioritization methodology, within the first year; approximately 1,000 licensee inspections are planned. Agreement States and NRC staff expect inspection efforts to continue on schedule. Thus far, no significant non-compliance issues have been reported.

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