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MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas W. Weaver, Chief  
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED REVISION TO STANDARD REVIEW  
PLAN NUREG-0800 SECTION 15.0.3, REV. 0, "DESIGN BASIS  
ACCIDENT RADIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCE ANALYSES FOR  
ADVANCED LIGHT WATER REACTORS"

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit the proposed revision[s] to NUREG-0800, Standard Review Plan (SRP), Section 15.0.3, Rev. 0, "Design Basis Accident Radiological Consequence Analyses for Advanced Light Water Reactors." This document is technically complete, reformatted in conformance with LIC-200, "Standard Review Plan Process," and is designated "publically available."

In accordance with the staff requirements memorandum dated May 10, 2005, on the April 6, 2005 Commission meeting, the Office of New Reactors (NRO) and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) have proposed a new SRP Section 15.0.3 (Enclosure).

In addition, this section has been administratively updated in accordance with NRR Office Instruction, LIC-200. The administrative update is comprised of assigning the review responsibilities by function, with the responsible organizations maintained separately from the SRP itself to minimize impacts of office reorganizations, and editorial and formatting changes. The revision also adds standard paragraphs to extend application of the updated SRP section to prospective submittals by applicants pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52.

This is a new section added to NUREG-0800 that provides guidance for reviewing and evaluating the adequacy of an applicant's criteria for Design Basis Accident Radiological Consequence Analyses for Advanced Light Water Reactors, as it addresses Part 52 licensing. The new section incorporated information from the following documents: Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.183 (Alternative Radiological Source Terms for Evaluating Design Basis Accidents at Nuclear Power Reactors).

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The staff has determined that the changes do not involve any new staff positions. I understand, that most of the SRP sections will be issued as final versions without publishing them as draft and requesting comment. The staff is revising the SRP in this manner to provide a more up-to-date SRP in light of the requirement in 10 CFR 50.34(h) for an applicant to evaluate its facility against the SRP revision in effect six months before the docket date of the application. In addition, this memo and its enclosure will be made publically available as preliminary SRP section. It will be formally published following reconciliation against the ongoing Part 52 rulemaking and regulatory guide updates including Regulatory Guide 1.206, "Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants (LWR Edition)." After formal issuance, the SRP will be available for public comment. Comment resolution will be addressed in subsequent SRP revisions. Prior to revision to individual sections, comment resolution may establish a basis for how alternatives to the NUREG-0800 acceptance criteria provide an acceptable method of complying with the NRC's regulations.

For questions concerning this document, please contact Jay Lee at 301-415-1080 or Michelle Hart at 301-415-1265.

Enclosure:  
As stated