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MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON
INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF AGENCY
LESSONS LEARNED, 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25,
2006, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on accomplishments and challenges concerning implementation of the Agency's Lessons Learned Program (LLP) and the role of the Lessons Learned Oversight Board.

The Commission emphasized making sure lessons are implemented so that they do not recur, e.g., loss of communication during an event. The staff should consider whether there are additional legacy effectiveness reviews that would be worthwhile to examine such as construction problems at South Texas, and issues that arose that warranted an Incident Investigation Team. The staff should consider the performance measures contained in Exhibit 3, "Examples of Performance Measures," of Management Directive 6.8, "Lessons-Learned Program," when conducting the annual review of the LLP to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, disposition of recommendations for improving the program, and recommend process changes. The staff also should consider providing a status of the LLP and discussing lessons-learned items as well as the corrective action plans (CAPs) at each Agency's Senior Leadership Meeting.

The staff should continue to develop effective means to communicate the results of the LLP to the NRC staff, the public, and Congressional Oversight Committees. The staff should request stakeholder comments and compare its LLP to those in other federal agencies and industry.

In the interests of continuing reinforcement to the staff of the importance of this program, the staff should either display the actual corrosion evidence of the Davis-Besse event or procure a model that shows the magnitude of this problem. The staff should inform the Commission of the cost to accomplish this task prior to expending funds.

The staff should provide the Commission options for funding continuous review of the effectiveness of the LLP and individual CAPs and for funding the information technology that tracks and supports the program and dissemination of the results.

cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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