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 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

REQUEST REPLY BY: 7/17

June 29, 2006

Approve with comments.

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Diaz
 Commissioner McGaffigan
 Commissioner Merrifield
 Commissioner Jaczko
 Commissioner Lyons

Dale E. Klein

07/29/06

FROM:

Luis A. Reyes
 Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

NRC INTERIM PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN

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Chairman Klein's comments on COMSECY-06-0033

I approve the Interim Pandemic Response Plan proposed by the staff. I noted that, in the paper, NSIR is responsible for the maintenance of this plan and the associated annexes and will lead in annually reviewing and updating the plan and annexes. Given the need for an integrated plan that involves ADM, OIS, HR, and other offices, the action plan and resource requirements should be coordinated with the EDO and CFO.



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*Approved
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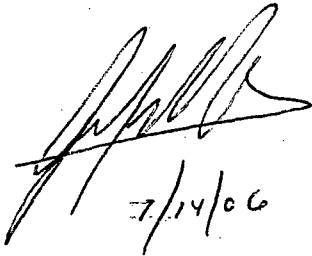
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**Commissioner Merrifield's Comments on
COMSECY-06-0033, "NRC Interim Pandemic Response Plan"**

I approve the interim plan developed by the staff, and I want to commend the staff for their diligent work on this document. During preparation of this plan, I received periodic briefings from the staff and provided my insights from my participation in numerous continuity of operations (COOP) exercises. I believe this high level plan provides the framework that will allow the staff to develop the action plans and resource estimates to work out the details on how the Regions and individual Offices can best implement a plan to ensure that the NRC will be able to continue to fulfill our mission in the event of a pandemic that may result in a large number of the staff being unable to work for an extended period of time. I look forward to receiving the action plans and resource estimates for review.


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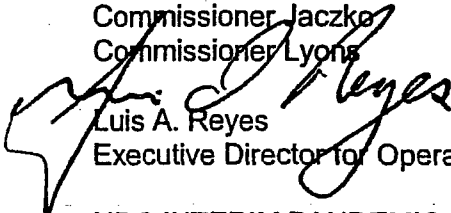


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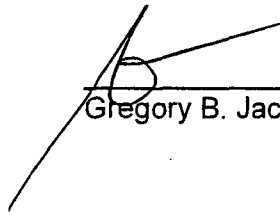
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**Commissioner Jaczko' Comments on COMSECY-06-0033
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I approve the staff plan to implement the pandemic response plan subject to more detailed resource estimates. In addition, I encourage the staff to ensure that this plan is well coordinated with other continuity of operation plans. In general, I believe the agency should strive to have a continuity of operations plan that is able to deal with the wide variety of challenges to operations that may occur and should strive to avoid plans that are tailored specifically to a particular type of incident.

I appreciate Commissioner Merrifield's efforts in working with the staff to develop this plan.



Gregory B. Jaczko Date 7/25/06

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