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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED REVISION TO ENVIRONMENTAL
STANDARD REVIEW PLAN NUREG-1555 REV 1 OF SECTION 3.8 and
REV 0 OF SECTION 5.7.2

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit the proposed revisions to NUREG-1555, Environmental Standard Review Plan (ESRP), Section 3.8, Rev. 1, "Transportation of Radioactive Materials" and the proposed initial issuance of Section 5.7.2, "Transportation of Radioactive Materials." These documents are technically complete, reformatted following the guidelines in LIC-200, "Standard Review Plan Process," and are designated "publically available."

The revision to 3.8 updates the version of this document that was published in March 2000. Section 5.7.2 is a new ESRP section that was created for the purpose of separating the impact analysis, which should have been in Chapter 5, from the description of the transportation system, which remains in Chapter 3. Portions of Rev. 0 of 3.8 were extracted and several technical additions were included to produce this initial issuance of 5.7.2. The changes that the staff are proposing are summarized in change description lists, which are included in the background portion of this package together with a redline strikeout copy of both sections. The changes indicated in 5.7.2 are those that were made to Rev. 0 of 3.8 to create the new section. Highlighted text in the included sections indicate technical information that has been added which was not in the Rev. 0 version of 3.8.

In addition, these revisions have been administratively updated using the guidance in 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 ESRP itself to minimize impacts of office reorganizations, and editorial and formatting changes. There were also changes to each of the ESRP sections updating the list of applicable regulations and acceptance criteria.

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