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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED REVISION TO ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD REVIEW PLAN NUREG-1555 FRONT MATTER AND INTRODUCTION, REV 1

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit the proposed revisions to NUREG-1555, Environmental Standard Review Plan (ESRP), Front Matter and Introduction, Rev. 1. This document is technically complete, reformatted following the guidelines in LIC-200, "Standard Review Plan Process," and designated "publically available."

The present revision updates the version of this document that was published in March 2000. This revised portion of the ESRP has been highlighted to aid in identifying the technical information that has been added or revised.

In addition, this revision has been administratively updated using the guidance in NRR Office Instruction, LIC-200. The administrative update is comprised of editorial and formatting changes.

The technical changes that the staff is proposing are summarized at the end of each of the enclosed proposed ESRP section. There were also changes to this ESRP section updating the list of applicable regulations and acceptance criteria.

Most of the changes to this section are clarifications and conforming changes to reflect revisions to other ESRP sections. In addition, the Introduction has been revised to (1) address the depth of longer acceptance reviews (see Staff Requirements Memorandum COMDEK-07-0001/COMJSM-07-0001 "Report of the Combined License Review Task Force," dated June 22, 2007) and (2) provide direction regarding looking for new and significant information.

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