

September 13, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-07-0144 - U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION POLICY ON FUNDING OF
CERTAIN AGREEMENT STATE TRAINING AND TRAVEL
COSTS

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to restore full funding of the training and associated travel costs for Agreement State staff to attend NRC-sponsored training, thereby helping to promote a nationally consistent training program for NRC and Agreement State materials licensing and inspection staff.

The staff should work closely with the States, the Organization of Agreement States (OAS), and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) to develop and implement protocols to ensure that training and travel funding are equitably distributed among the States, to seek innovative and cost effective training methods, and to encourage sharing, when possible, in the cost of developing these new training methods or hosting training courses.

To reduce the possibility that this NRC funding could be viewed as a subsidy to the States (and thus justify a reduction in funding provided by a State), one of the NRC's key messages to the States, OAS, and CRCPD should be that the resumption of full funding is intended to help States enhance their programs' performance and foster consistency among State and NRC inspectors and license reviewers.

cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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