

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I 475 ALLENDALE ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406-1415

August 6, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO:

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FROM:

Executive Director for Operations

Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act Panel

James F. McDermott, Director Office of Human Resources

Samuel J. Collins

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Regional Administrator Region I

Luis A. Reyes Regional Administrator Region II

Elmo E. Collins, Jr. Regional Administrator Region IV

SUBJECT:

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REQUEST TO RENEW GROUP RETENTION INCENTIVE PAY AUTHORITY

The Executive Director of Operations approved the original request on June 4, 2007, to use the group retention incentive pay authority for eligible Resident Inspectors and Senior Resident Inspectors assigned to the Indian Point site in Region I, and the Diablo Canyon site in Region IV. Subsequently, a request was approved on June 30, 2007 for the Turkey Point site in Region II. A copy of the approved requests is enclosed for your review.

The approved retention incentive is 10% of basic pay to be paid each pay period, upon completion of the required service agreement based on the relocation incentive, and continued indefinitely, subject to annual review.

It is requested that the group retention incentive pay authority be continued for an additional year so that the regions have sufficient data to analyze the effectiveness of the implementation of this incentive. Due to the effective dates of reassignment of residents to these sites, several service agreements related to relocation are still in effect, and the group retention incentive pay will not begin to be paid, in most cases, until some time in calendar year 2009.

The regions continue to believe that there is an especially high risk that a significant number of resident inspectors will leave federal employment from these particular sites because they are located in areas with an unusually high cost of living, the locality pay established for the locations is insufficient to offset the high cost of living, the regions have unusual difficulty recruiting for these sites and retaining staff even with relocation R.W. Borchardt

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Justification for this recommendation is attached.

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Chair, Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act (FEPCA) Senior Management Review Panel

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