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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jaczko  
Commissioner Svinicki  
Commissioner Apostolakis  
Commissioner Magwood  
Commissioner Ostendorff

FROM: R. W. Borchardt */RA/*  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR SECTION 274i  
AGREEMENTS

The purpose of this memorandum is to request Commission approval that the delegation of signature authority for Section 274i Agreements be transferred from the Director of the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) to the Director of the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME). The Section 274i Agreements with Agreement States pertain to State inspections of Agreement State materials licensees to verify compliance with U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) additional security measures. The authority for NRC to enter into such an agreement is reflected in Sections 161f and 274i of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Additional guidance can also be found in NRC Management Directive 5.2, "Memoranda of Understanding with States."

NSIR was given responsibility for Section 274i Agreements per the SRM for SECY-04-0006, "Draft Section 274i Agreement Pertaining to Inspection of Materials Licensees to Verify Compliance with Additional Security Measures" (February 18, 2004). NRC and several Agreement States entered into the Section 274i Agreements to conduct the initial compliance inspections of the Orders issued under NRC's authority to promote common defense and security. The scope of work for these inspections was detailed in the Addenda to the agreements and covered panoramic irradiators and manufacturers and distributors that had been licensed by Agreement States and issued NRC Orders.

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