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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON RESEARCH
PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCE, AND FUTURE PLANS, 9:30
A.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research programs, performance, and future plans.

The Commission expressed conditional support for proceeding with the level 3 probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) related activities. The staff should continue their internal coordination efforts and engage external stakeholders in formulating a plan and scope for future actions. The priority of the work should be determined through the Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Management Process. The Commission should be provided various options for proceeding which include costs and perspectives on future uses for level 3 PRAs.

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