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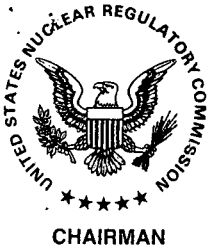
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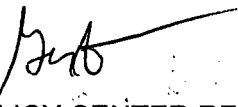


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April 16, 2010

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

FROM: Chairman Jaczko 

SUBJECT: BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON THE NEW REACTOR LICENSING PROCESS

On April 6, 2010, the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) issued a report on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) licensing process for new reactors. The BPC conducted a review of the NRC's new reactor program and examined whether there have been unnecessary delays in the licensing process for new nuclear plants caused either by the NRC or by the nuclear industry.

I first want to recognize the staff's outstanding work and significant accomplishments in all areas of the new reactor program. The staff has done a remarkable job working with all stakeholders to address and resolve the technical and licensing challenges. The BPC noted that there was near-universal respect and admiration for the NRC staff among the stakeholders interviewed. I commend the staff's efforts and hard work.

The BPC did not find any evidence that either the NRC or industry has needlessly delayed or extended the licensing process. The report also noted the diligent work all stakeholders have performed in working through the issues in a forthright manner. The BPC recognized NRC's leadership and encouraged the NRC to continue to manage the process in an effective and efficient manner.

The BPC recommended that the NRC should seek to learn from the current round of application reviews and apply those lessons to subsequent application reviews. I fully support the BPC's recommendation for the NRC to ensure that insights gained from the first round of applications be considered to enhance subsequent reviews. The Office of New Reactors (NRO) should continue its current practice to identify and implement, as appropriate, insights gained from the review of new reactor applications. Consistent with the BPC's recommendation, within one year after issuance of the first combined license, NRO should identify, assess, and document enhancements relevant to the new reactor licensing review process, as appropriate. If any of the enhancements involve policy issues, the staff should provide the Commission a policy paper for its consideration. NRO should collaborate with the Office of General Counsel and other offices, as appropriate.

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I believe these activities will further contribute to a more efficient process, and I appreciate the staff's efforts in undertaking these activities.

cc: Commissioner Svinicki  
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