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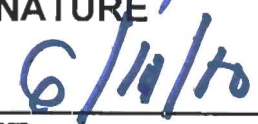
TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Gregory B. Jaczko
SUBJECT: SECY-10-0031 – REVISING THE FUEL CYCLE
OVERSIGHT PROCESS

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COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached X None _____



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**Chairman Jaczko's Comments on SECY-10-0031,
"Revising the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process"**

The revision of the fuel cycle oversight process will allow for a more risk-informed, transparent, objective, and predictable assessment of licensee or certificate holder performance. It will also allow the agency, the licensees, the public, and other stakeholders to better understand the performance of the licensees as well as the agency's resultant actions. I commend the staff for the effort and thought that they have put into this project to date.

I approve of the staff's moving forward with revising the fuel cycle oversight process; however, this is a multi-year effort that should be undertaken in appropriate steps. In the Staff Requirements Memorandum (M100429) for the April 29, 2010, Commission meeting on the fuel cycle oversight process, the staff was directed to provide the Commission a concise paper comparing Integrated Safety Analyses (ISA) for fuel cycle facilities with Probabilistic Risk Assessments (PRAs) for reactors. This paper will help to inform the Commission on whether the qualitative or the quantitative approach is best for the oversight of these facilities. Therefore, I have not at this time decided which approach the staff should use. The staff should prepare the ISA/PRA comparison in conjunction with those activities described in SECY-10-0031 that will help to develop the foundation for revision of the fuel cycle oversight process, such as the technical bases for: 1) the Significance Determination Process (SDP) for ISA-areas short of developing the methodology for creating risk thresholds; 2) the SDP for non-ISA areas; and 3) the baseline, supplemental, and reactive inspections and the assessment of licensee performance. Staff should return to the Commission in one year with an update of the progress that has been made.



Gregory B. Jaczko



Date