

April 14, 2011

IN RESPONSE, PLEASE  
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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON SMALL MODULAR  
REACTORS, 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011,  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT  
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and external panelists on small modular reactors. The external panel included John Kelly, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Reactor Technologies, Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy; Doug Walters, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Nuclear Energy Institute; Jack Bailey, Vice President, Nuclear Generation Development, Tennessee Valley Authority; and Christofer Mowry, President, Babcock and Wilcox Nuclear Energy, Inc., and Chairman, Generation mPower, LLC.

The Commission expects the staff to think expansively about upcoming issues and to engage the Commission early if they are uncertain whether an issue is a matter of policy. Early engagement will allow the Commission to help staff narrow a range of options, if necessary, and prevent subsequent redirection.

Staff should add more specificity to their schedule in order to remove any ambiguity as to what the actual scheduled work is, what the goals are and what deadlines the staff will meet. The schedule is to be provided to the Commission.

Commission direction to the staff will be provided in the staff requirements memorandum (SRM) issued in response to SECY-11-0024 (Use of Risk Insights to Enhance the Safety Focus of Small Modular Reactor Reviews).

cc: Chairman Jaczko  
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