

August 15, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: Darren B. Ash
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FROM: R. W. Borchardt */RA/*
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SUBJECT: DESIGNATED APPROVING AUTHORITY

In accordance with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, Public Law 107-347, and guidelines set forth by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, this memorandum hereby designates collectively the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Management, the Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, and Compliance Programs, and the Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs, as the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's *Designated Approving Authority*.

The *Designated Approving Authority* is responsible and accountable for the risks associated with operating information systems. The *Designated Approving Authority* is an inherently governmental position that is responsible for determining through the system authorization process, if residual risk is acceptable based on the recommendation of the Chief Information Security Officer (or designee) and decides if an Authorization to Operate is granted or denied. Upon authorization of information technology (IT) system operation, the *Designated Approving Authority* explicitly accepts the risk to agency operations, agency assets, or individuals based on the implementation of an agreed upon set of security controls for the IT system, including any residual risks identified through continuous monitoring.

During absence from the office, any of these individuals may delegate this responsibility to their designated actor. Further delegation is not authorized.

D. Ash, et al.

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This delegation is effective immediately and replaces ML072630477, "*Designated Approving Authority*" from Luis A. Reyes to Darren B. Ash, Martin J. Virgilio, and Bruce S. Mallett, dated September 25, 2007.

cc: Chairman Jaczko
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