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To: All NRC Employees

SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this announcement is to issue and make publicly available an agency-wide climate change adaptation policy statement that commits the agency to adaptation planning and addresses challenges posed by climate change to the agency's mission, programs, and operations. Executive Order (EO) 13514, "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance," seeks to establish an integrated strategy towards sustainability in the Federal government. This EO requires that as part of the formal Strategic Sustainability Performance Planning process, each Federal agency evaluate agency climate change risks and vulnerabilities to manage both the short- and long-term effects of climate change on the agency's mission and operations.

On March 4, 2011, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued Implementing Instructions, for Federal agencies to use in climate change adaptation planning. Climate change adaptation planning is necessary to address the effects of climate change which affect Federal government services, operations, programs, assets (e.g., infrastructure, land and water resources), and national security. By integrating climate change adaptation strategies into its planning, the Federal government can ensure that resources are invested wisely and that Federal agencies remain effective in current and future climate conditions.

In response to EO 13514 and in accordance with the CEQ Implementing Instructions, I am issuing the U.S. NRC Climate Change Adaptation Policy Statement.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Bahman Rowhani, Facilities Management Branch Chief, Division of Facilities and Security, Office of Administration, at 301-415-6467.

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Management Directive Reference: MD 13.2, "Facility Management"

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