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Subject: RESPONSE - REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NRC/EPRI WORKSHOP ON FIRE PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT

Good afternoon. Based on the information provided by the staff and my own prior experience participating in this workshop, I approve the planned spending of \$130K for the RES/EPRI Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment Workshop. Since 2005, NRC and EPRI have jointly conducted training on fire PRA methodology with each organization taking turns in sponsoring the training alternate years. NRC/RES will act as host for the two sessions of the workshop being conducted in 2012. This workshop is an effective approach for training NRC employees, international regulatory counterparts, licensee employees, and other stakeholders on methods for conducting fire PRAs, which support implementation of the risk-informed, performance based rule in 10 CFR 50.48(c). My approval is consistent with NRC's interim implementation of OMB Memorandum M-12-12, Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations, which directs that agency Deputy Secretaries (or their equivalents) shall review planned spending for upcoming conferences sponsored or hosted by the agency where net conference expenses by the agency exceed \$100K. Based on the information I reviewed and the reviews of the staff offices, I understand that the workshop expenses and planned activities comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) on contracting goods and services. Please ensure that in conducting the workshop that the NRC hosts continue to serve as careful stewards of appropriate resources ensuring that Federal funds are used appropriately, cost effectively, and in a manner that directly contributes to the agency's mission. You should ensure that workshop expenses comply with both the FAR and Federal Travel Regulation requirements on lodging, food and beverages, per diem reimbursement, and contracting of goods and services as necessary and appropriate. Workshop attendance by NRC employees and contractors shall be limited to the levels required to achieve success in the workshop and accomplish NRC's mission.

If you have any questions, please advise.

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