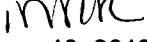


**Abraham, Susan**

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**From:** Kipfer, Lorna   
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 10:07 AM  
**To:** Moore, Toye  
**Cc:** Langlie, Liz; Abraham, Susan  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUESTED: Enter EDO Ticket Response in ADAMS  
**Attachments:** FINAL EDO G20120383 OMB Memo M-12-12 Waiver revised 061312 rev7.docx; ACTION: G20120383 - Due: 6/22/12

Hello Toye,

In response to EDO G20120383, attached is the waiver request to be signed by the EDO for approval of the Chairman. The ticket (attached) instructs NRR to coordinate with ADM, OGC and CFO. We also included Brian Sheron as RES is co-sponsor of the RIC.

Please finalize the format of the attached and enter it into ADAMS for us. Once in ADAMS, please send us the package so we can send it and the ticket electronically for parallel concurrence. As a backup measure, if hardcopies need to be physically walked around, please help us to print out packages on letterhead and we will be happy to do the legwork.

Let us know if you need our help. Thanx so much Toye!

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***Save the Date!***  
***NRC's 25th Annual Regulatory***  
***Information Conference***  
***March 12-14, 2013***

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jaczko

FROM: R. W. Borchardt  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN WAIVER FOR RIC 2013 CONSISTENT WITH  
GUIDANCE IN OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
MEMORANDUM M-12-12, "PROMOTING EFFICIENT  
SPENDING TO SUPPORT AGENCY OPERATIONS"

The purpose of this memorandum is to request a waiver for the NRC's annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) being held in 2013.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Memorandum M-12-12, issued to executive departments and agencies on May 11, 2012, entitled, "Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations," provides a series of new policies and practices related to Travel, Conferences, Real Property, and Fleet Management. Specifically, in Section 2 – Conferences, it states, *"An agency shall not incur net expenses greater than \$500,000 from its own funds on a single conference, including conferences that are sponsored or hosted by the agency. The agency head may provide a waiver from this policy if it is determined that exceptional circumstances exist whereby spending in excess of \$500,000 on a single conference is the most cost-effective option to achieve a compelling purpose."* This new policy has a direct impact on RIC 2013, and therefore, in accordance with the above guidance from OMB, enclosed for your approval is a waiver for RIC 2013.

Enclosure: As stated

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**OMB Memorandum M-12-12**  
**Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations**

As agency head of the NRC, I am exercising my authority to waive the policy stated in OMB's Memorandum M-12-12, dated May 11, 2012, which prohibits agencies from incurring expenses in excess of \$500,000 on a single conference. The NRC's annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) is the largest public meeting sponsored by the NRC, and its expenses exceed \$500,000.

The NRC's mission is to *"license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment."* To support this mission and NRC's commitment to conduct our work openly and transparently, the RIC provides a unique forum which brings together diverse groups of stakeholders to inform them of significant policy decisions and regulatory oversight activities. Additionally, the RIC offers an environment where NRC staff and stakeholders share relevant information, exchange views and perspectives, and raise concerns about the important safety, security and policy issues before the agency. As we continue to learn from recent events and natural disasters, this forum is crucial to the mission of the agency.

Since its inception in 1987, the RIC has grown to become one of the premier nuclear conferences of its kind in the world. It is widely-attended, bringing together more than 3,000 participants from over 34 countries, including members of the public, Federal, State, and local government officials; nuclear safety regulators from other nations; experts from our national laboratories; advocacy groups; media representatives; licensees; vendors and other interested stakeholders. The technical program features nuclear experts from across the agency, as well as external speakers from industry, academia, public interest groups, and the international community. This three-day educational conference also provides an exceptional opportunity for attendees to hear first-hand views of each member of the Commission related to emerging regulatory issues and policy matters facing the agency.

The face-to-face interaction with members of industry, private interest groups, and other stakeholders is vital and provides a breadth of opportunity to network, share ideas, search for solutions and establish relationships with colleagues from around the world. The RIC is highly valued by many for its technical and educational content and its continuation is strongly supported by industry as reflected in Nuclear Energy Institute's letter to NRC dated June 1, 2012.

To successfully execute a conference with the magnitude of the RIC requires meticulous coordination and effective management of resources. As part of our fiscal responsibility, every aspect of the planning, logistics and implementation is carefully scrutinized and monitored to ensure all monies are spent in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

For example, the location of the RIC is carefully considered before a site selection is made. To hold the RIC at a location further than a 5-minute walk from NRC Headquarters would add a considerable cost to the government in transportation and staff hours. Therefore, NRC chooses to host the RIC close to NRC Headquarters as it maximizes participation from the NRC. As an added benefit, the close

proximity offers a valuable opportunity for NRC staff and our international counterparts to conduct side meetings to discuss official business both onsite and at NRC Headquarters. These side meetings reduce the need for a significant amount of additional international travel for NRC staff. Further, the NRC utilizes in-house resources to support the planning and logistical aspects of the conference. Support areas include: technical program development, web support, design and production of conference materials, registration, and onsite staffing.

On this basis, I am confident that the costs associated with executing RIC 2013 are valid and prudent. Therefore, consistent with the guidance in OMB's Memorandum M-12-12, I hereby waive the prohibition policy for RIC 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved      \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved

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Gregory B. Jaczko      Date

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**From:** RidsNrrMailCenter Resource  
**Sent:** Monday, June 04, 2012 11:10 AM  
**To:** RidsNrrPmda Resource  
**Cc:** Kipfer, Lorna; Abraham, Susan; Le, Hong  
**Subject:** ACTION: G20120383 - Due: 6/22/12  
**Attachments:** ACTION: G20120383

Attached is a green ticket on Waiver for the 2013 Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) - Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations, due to the EDO on June 22, 2012.

I will issue the ticket once the TAC number has been assigned.

Thanks,  
Patti

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jaegers, Cathy  
**Sent:** Monday, June 04, 2012 10:43 AM  
**To:** RidsNrrMailCenter Resource  
**Cc:** RidsAdmMailCenter Resource; Warner, Deanna; RidsOgcMailCenter Resource; Remsburg, Kristy; RidsOcfoMailCenter Resource; Hudson, Sharon; Merzke, Daniel  
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Attached is the action green ticket assigned to NRR to coordinate with ADM, OGC and CFO. The ADAMS version will be sent after DPC processes.