

August 30, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Kenneth R. Hart, Acting Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-13-0079 – REQUEST TO  
CHANGE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR EMERGENCY PLAN  
CHANGES

The Commission has disapproved the staff's recommendation to change the approval authority for emergency plan changes which result in a decrease in effectiveness from the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), to the Branch Chief level of NRR, in consultation with the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.

Regulatory and program decisions that are already appropriately delegated to various levels of the staff are not consistently communicated to the Commission. Significant staff decisions should be communicated to the Commission. The staff should meet with the Commissioner Assistants and the Secretary of the Commission to review the protocols, standards, and methods for providing such information to the Commission to assure that expectations are in alignment.

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