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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
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MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Edwin M. Hackett, Executive Director /RA/  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON STATION BLACKOUT  
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Separately, the Committee decided to defer its evaluation of the response to Conclusion and Recommendation 5 until the February 5-8, 2014, Full Committee meeting. This concerns the issue of failure of decay heat removal capability, as an independent or common-cause event, as part of the staff efforts on NTTF Recommendation 1.

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