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MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON SPENT FUEL POOL SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION OF EXPEDITED TRANSFER TO DRY CASK STORAGE, 9:00 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and a panel of external stakeholders on spent fuel pool safety and consideration of expedited transfer to dry cask storage. The external panel included Dave Heacock, President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Dominion Nuclear; Christine King, Director, Nuclear Fuel and Chemistry, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI); Gordon Thompson, Executive Director, Institute for Resource and Security Studies and Research Professor, Clark University; and Ed Lyman, Senior Scientist, Global Security Program, Union of Concerned Scientists.

The staff should obtain information from EPRI regarding its coordination with international research institutions on how spent fuel pool hazards are evaluated and provide it to the Commission. Additionally, the staff should provide an update on how the international community handles the storage of spent fuel at reactor sites.

Additional Commission direction will be provided in the Staff Requirements Memorandum for COMSECY-13-0030, "Staff Evaluation and Recommendation for Japan Lessons-Learned Tier 3 Issue on Expedited Transfer of Spent Fuel."

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