March 18, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Darren B. Ash

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FROM: James P. Flanagan, Director /RA/

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REPORT TO THE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

This memorandum provides a copy of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) annual Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) report for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

With the enactment of the Electronic FOIA Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-231, 110 Stat. 3048) Congress revised Section (e) of the FOIA, which pertains to the submission of annual FOIA reports by Federal agencies. Congress directed the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, to issue guidelines for Federal agencies to use in preparing and submitting their annual FOIA reports.

In addition, on December 31, 2007, the Openness Promotes Effectiveness in Our National Government Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-175, 121 Stat. 2524) amended Section (e) of the FOIA. The FOIA now requires that agencies provide additional details about response times for initial requests and administrative appeals, including data on the 10 oldest pending requests and appeals. Furthermore, agencies are now required to report information about expedited review and fee waiver requests.

Under the guidelines, Federal agencies are to send their annual reports to the DOJ Office of Information Policy. The reports should include the agency-specific uniform resource locator (URL) for Web-based access to the report. Through a link to each agency's FOIA report, DOJ provides a single point of access on its Web site for all annual FOIA reports and will notify Congress when all reports have been posted to the DOJ Web site.

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