

August 25, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary */RA/*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-15-0050 – CUMULATIVE  
EFFECTS OF REGULATION PROCESS ENHANCEMENTS AND  
RISK PRIORITIZATION INITIATIVE

This paper provided information on implementation of cumulative effects of regulation (CER) process enhancements and provided options for a proposed risk-informed prioritization initiative. The Commission fully supports ongoing CER process enhancements. With respect to the proposed risk-prioritization initiative, the Commission has not approved Option 2, part 1. The Commission has disapproved Option 2, part 2, and Options 3 and 4. However, the Commission supports consideration of risk insights in regulatory decision-making through existing agency processes. The staff should use its existing authority to ensure that the NRC's regulatory actions are properly prioritized, taking into account risk information and other factors. The staff should also use existing agency processes under 10 CFR 50.12 and 10 CFR 50.90 to apply risk-informed decision-making in its review of relief requests such as licensee exemption requests.

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