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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-15-0168 –
RECOMMENDATIONS ON ISSUES RELATED TO
IMPLEMENTATION OF A RISK MANAGEMENT REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendations to: 1) maintain the existing regulatory framework for the nuclear power reactor safety program area, and 2) refrain from developing an overarching, agencywide risk management policy statement. Additionally, the Commission agrees with the staff's conclusions that a formal design-basis extension category of requirements should not be established, and a formal agencywide definition and criteria for determining the adequacy of defense in depth should not be developed.

The staff should expeditiously complete the revision to Regulatory Guide 1.174 on defense in depth, in order to improve the clarity of the guidance, upon issuance of this SRM.

The staff should inform the Commission prior to taking steps to "risk inform the response to operability issues of low safety significance."

cc: Chairman Burns
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