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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Ostendorff
Commissioner Baran

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Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUNSET ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE
PROGRESS OF MATERIALS LICENSEES IN ADDRESSING
SAFETY CULTURE

The purpose of this memorandum is to request Commission approval to sunset the annual requirement of informing the Commission through a Commissioners' Assistants (CA) note on the progress of materials licensees in addressing safety culture.

As part of the staff's efforts to develop a strategy to increase the attention to safety culture in the materials area, in SRM [Staff Requirements Memorandum]-M090527A, "Briefing on External Safety Culture (SECY-09-0075)," dated June 8, 2009 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML091590021), the Commission directed the staff to propose a mechanism for periodically informing the Commission on the progress of materials licensees in addressing safety culture. The most recent update was provided to the Commission in a CA note dated March 22, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16067A278).

The staff has made significant progress in this area since 2009. In addition to numerous educational tools developed in the past several years, a new educational tool, "An Educational Resource about the Safety Culture Policy Statement," was developed by the Office of Enforcement in coordination with program offices, and endorsed by the Organization of Agreement States for use by its members and licensees. In addition, the Safety Culture Policy and traits were incorporated into the revision of the Inspection Manual Chapter 1246, "Formal Qualification Programs in the Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Program Area." Details of these safety culture initiatives and outreach activities for material users are available on the safety culture Web page of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Web site. The Safety Culture Outreach Matrix, which provides a list of all safety culture outreach activities, is updated biannually and is publicly available on the safety culture Web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/safety-culture/sc-outreach-edu-materials.html>. The Safety Culture Policy Statement Implementation Plan Update, which provides details of outreach

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The staff will continue to update this information on the NRC's safety culture Web page in a timely, effective, and efficient manner, which is available to the public. The staff believes this request will result in process efficiencies that will save the agency resources, in accordance with the goals of Project AIM.

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