

June 24, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO: Those on the Attached List

FROM: Marissa Bailey, Director */RA/*
Division of Preparedness and Response
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

SUBJECT: INTERIM STAFF GUIDANCE FOR TI 2515/191 “INSPECTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND SPENT FUEL POOL INSTRUMENTATION ORDERS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMUNICATION/ STAFFING/ MULTI-UNIT DOSE ASSESSMENT PLANS”

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Accordingly, any communication capability enhancement made by a licensee in response to the assessment does not need to meet the 10 CFR 50 Appendix E communications system required design capabilities or testing frequencies described for primary and backup onsite and offsite communications systems. In other words, any enhanced communications system, equipment or power supply implemented is not required to be able to notify OROs within 15 minutes of an emergency declaration or meet the monthly communications testing requirement for contiguous State/local governments within the plume exposure pathway.

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