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IN RESPONSE, PLEASE
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MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON OPERATOR
LICENSING PROGRAM, 9:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 13,
2017, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by external panelists and the NRC staff on the status of operator licensing in the nuclear power industry, including issues related to licensee training programs, NRC initial licensing examinations, and requalification. The external presenters were Rusty Shoemaker, Manager, Accreditation, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations; Casey Pfeiffer, President, Professional Reactor Operator Society; John Austin, Director, Nuclear Training, Vogtle Nuclear Station, Southern Nuclear Company; and Gregg Ludlam, Chairman, Nuclear Energy Institute's Licensed Operator Focus Group.

The staff should retain the informal NRC staff review of individual reactor operator applicants' appeals on the validity of examination items. This action reverses the prior Commission direction related to this issue in the Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY-16-0009, "Recommendations Resulting from the Integrated Prioritization and Re-Baselining of Agency Activities."

cc: Chairman Svinicki
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