



## PROJECT AIM STATUS UPDATE

APRIL 24, 2017 – JULY 24, 2017

In the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) for SECY-15-0015, "Project Aim 2020 Report and Recommendations," issued on June 8, 2015, the Commission directed the staff to provide periodic updates on the status of the implementation of the approved Project Aim 2020 recommendations. Below is a summary of the implementation activities for the period April 24 – July 24, 2017.

We would like to highlight the following progress related to Project Aim:

- The staff provided COMSECY-17-0006, "Re-examination of the Need for a U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Leadership Model," to the Commission on February 6, 2017, in which the staff proposed developing and implementing an explicit U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission leadership model. The SRM to COMSECY-17-0006, dated July 2017, disapproved the need for a Commission decision on a leadership model. The SRM also informed the staff that if the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) and his leadership team find a need for such a model, the leadership could take action – keeping the use of resources for its development at a minimum. This action closes Task 18.
- On July 3, 2017, the staff provided the 1-year self-assessment of the Allegations Center of Expertise to the EDO, via a Memorandum to Victor McCree from Lisamarie Jarriel and Dori Willis, "One-Year Self-Assessment of the Center of Expertise and Allegations" (Agencywide Document Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17157B363). This is the first self-assessment of a Center of Expertise resulting from the implementation of Task 10. The staff also provided a Note to the Commissioners' Assistants dated July 19, 2017.

The staff has completed 143 of the 150 approved activities related to the re-baselining activities in SECY-16-0009, "Recommendations Resulting from the Integrated Prioritization and Re-Baselining of Agency Activities" (ADAMS Accession No. ML16028A189). One activity was completed this quarter. Of the seven remaining activities, two continue to be delayed, and five are on-track, due in October 2017. Below is the status of those closed and delayed activities.

Closed this quarter:

- On May 1, 2017, staff issued the final report "Vulnerabilities of Spent Nuclear Fuel Pools to Postulated Security Threats," and closed the user need request on vulnerabilities of spent nuclear fuel pools to postulated security threats. This closes activity 19.

Delayed beyond original target date:

- Activity 4, orderly closeout of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation and Monitored Retrievable Storage licensing requirements, continues to be delayed. The completion of

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a Regulatory Guide will close out this action. Resolution of comments and a public meeting are scheduled and publication of the Regulation Guide is expected thereafter.

- Activity 94, updating the guidance for the 10 CFR 2.206 process for petitions to clarify the evaluation criteria for when to hold public meetings on petitions and allow the Petition Review Board to make an initial decision to accept the petition without a petitioner presentation, when appropriate. The Management Directive has been revised by staff and is in concurrence.

Expected to be completed in an alternate manner:

- Activity 37 to extend materials licenses to a 15-year license term and centralize bankruptcy reviews in headquarters, is due on October 17, 2017. The staff has determined that extending all the licenses at one time would require rulemaking, however if they choose to extend each license as it comes due for renewal, no rulemaking is required. The staff will revise the licenses as they come in for renewal. Regarding the centralization of bankruptcy reviews in headquarters, the staff is moving forward with development of a NUREG to establish a process for centralizing bankruptcy reviews and regional involvement in the inspection activities triggered by a bankruptcy notification. This activity is expected to be complete by the October 17, 2017, target date.

The staff continues to make progress evaluating and implementing the longer-term efficiencies identified in SECY-16-0035 “Additional Re-Baselining Products” (ADAMS Accession No. ML16077A184). One item is delayed beyond the expected date.

- Activity 6, “Consolidate and Revise Storage and Transportation Review Guidance,” will combine all standard review plans into one for storage reviews and one for transportation reviews, and incorporate all interim staff guidance documents. The storage standard review plan (SRP) is on track. The transportation SRP has been delayed and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2018. The staff has increased management oversight of progress on the SRP.

The staff would also like to highlight the following activities, which are not part of the original 19 Project Aim tasks, but which demonstrate the staff’s continued commitment to effectiveness, efficiency, and agility:

- On April 19, 2017, the Strategic Workforce Planning Working Group provided the EDO its report, “Proposed Enhancements to the NRC’s Strategic Workforce Planning” (ADAMS Accession No. ML17109A319), in response to the January 19, 2016, memorandum from the EDO. The working group provided a series of recommendations and proposed actions that should be considered to enhance the agency’s strategic workforce planning. On July 5, 2017, the EDO tasked the offices to begin implementation of a pilot to demonstrate the efficacy of the recommendations.
- On May 10, 2017, the working group provided an implementation plan to the EDO to centralize and standardize agency mission support functions (ADAMS Accession No. ML17121A437). That plan was in response to the February 22, 2017, EDO tasking to develop a comprehensive, integrated, and systematic implementation plan for the recommendations from the December 29, 2017, “Task Force Report on Mission

Support.” An [EDO Update](#) about the initiative was issued on May 25, 2017. The implementation plan includes detailed steps for each of the 21 projects related to standardization or centralization of mission support activities related to financial management, administrative services, and human resource management.