

November 20, 2017

COMSECY-17-0035

**PLEASE RESPOND BY:  
November 21, 2017**

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Svinicki  
Commissioner Baran  
Commissioner Burns

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

E. Roy Hawkens **/RA/**  
Chief Administrative Judge

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR LICENSING SUPPORT NETWORK ADVISORY  
REVIEW PANEL ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Commission approval of additional Nuclear Waste Funds (NWF) in support of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) activities authorized pursuant to SRM-COMSECY-17-0019, "Staff Requirements Memorandum – COMSECY-17-0019 – Yucca Mountain Project Activities," (May 25, 2017) (ML17145A253).

In COMSECY-17-0019, the Office of the Secretary (SECY) and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP) provided the Commission with an estimate of the NWF monies needed to support information-gathering activities associated with (1) one or more Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) meetings, and associated pre-meeting training, to obtain LSNARP member and public input regarding the reconstitution or replacement of the Licensing Support Network (LSN); and (2) potential adjudicatory hearing venue options. In the staff requirements memorandum associated with COMSECY-17-0019, the Commission approved the expenditure of \$110,000 to support both aspects of this request.

SECY and ASLBP, working with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), have carefully planned the expenditure of the \$110,000 previously authorized to complete the LSNARP training/meeting and hearing venue activities described in the SRM. Activities have emerged that were not part of the initial planning that are associated with the LSNARP meeting. SECY and ASLBP expect that if these emergent activities are funded as LSNARP-related expenditures, the \$110,000 cap will be exceeded by approximately \$25,000. Thus, we request the allocation of an additional \$25,000 in NWF monies.

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RECOMMENDATION:

SECY and ASLBP recommend that the Commission approve previously appropriated NWF monies in the amount of \$25,000 to carry out developing activities associated with the virtual LSNARP meeting authorized by the Commission in SRM-COMSECY-17-0019.

The information in this paper has been coordinated with the OGC, OCFO, and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS).

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