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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jackson

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SUBJECT: UPDATE TO STAFF RESPONSE TO TASKING MEMORANDUM AND
 STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

Attached for your information is the staff's May update to the plan of short- and long-term actions to respond to selected issues raised during the July 30, 1998, hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air and Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety and the July 17, 1998, Commission meeting with stakeholders.

Additions and changes to the April 1999, update are marked in redline and strike out. Minor editorial changes have not been highlighted. Explanations for changes are provided in the associated remarks.

In this update, the staff has removed the portion of the short-term actions that were completed prior to January 28, 1999. In addition, some areas have been completed in their entirety, for example Area VI, Issue C7. In this update, the action matrixes have been removed for those areas where staff actions are complete and have been documented completed in previous updates to the Tasking Memorandum. Since the April update, the following significant milestones have been completed:

- I. ACRS and CRGR review of the final 10 CFR 50.59 rulemaking package
- II. Public meetings with the NEI Task Force on design bases criteria
- III. Submission of a commission paper (SECY-99-117) on the use of industry operational experience in lieu of Information Notices
- IV. Public meeting with NEI, industry, and other stakeholders to integrate milestones for decommissioning initiatives
- V. Submission of a proposed rule (SECY-99-119) on reporting requirements (10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73)
- VI. Submission of a commission paper (SECY-99-012) on revising guidance for expanding disposal capability of uranium mill tailings (SECY-99-012)
- VII. Direct final rule modifying 10 CFR 50.54(a) requirements associated with quality assurance program change processes
- VIII. Implementation of strategies to achieve supervisory ratio targets

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Attachment: As stated

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