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MEMORANDUM FOR: Guy A. Arlotto, Director Division of Engineering Technology Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM:

Thomas E. Murley, Regional Administrator, Region I

SUBJECT:

DIVISION REVIEW REQUEST: AMENDMENTS TO 10 CFR PARTS 30, 40, 50, 61, 70, AND 72 REQUIRING LICENSEES TO NOTIFY NRC OF CASES OF BANKRUPTCY FILING

Region I has reviewed the subject amendments and agrees they are a timely initiative to deal, in part, with the problem of licensees who experience severe economic hardship. Our only comment is that it seems the rule would be a more effective regulatory tool if the notification requirement was triggered by an event prior to the filing of a bankruptcy petition. For example, in the case of a voluntary bankruptcy, the rule might require that licensees notify the NRC thirty days prior to the filing of a bankruptcy petition of their intent to do so. This would give the agency thirty (30) days to take appropriate administrative action to deal with the impending bankruptcy. There may also be certain legal actions we could take prior to the filing of the bankruptcy which would put us in a more advantageous position once the filing is made. Should you have any questions on our comment, the Region I point of contact on this matter is Jay M. Gutierrez.

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Regional Administrator

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