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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-20-0065 – RULEMAKING
PLAN–CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW

The Commission has approved the staff's recommended Option 3 to initiate a rulemaking to amend the categorical exclusions in Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Environmental protection regulations for domestic licensing and related regulatory functions." The Commission has also approved the staff's recommendation to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Operations to issue the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), and the staff's request to forgo review by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Committee to Review Generic Requirements, and the Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes. The staff should conduct a briefing of the Commissioner Assistants regarding the proposed scope and content of the ANPR no less than two weeks prior to its finalization.

The staff should use targeted internal communications to leverage the agency's experiences in this area to identify other examples of possible changes related to categorical exclusions.

cc: Chairman Svinicki
Commissioner Baran
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Commissioner Wright
Commissioner Hanson
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