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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary
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SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-20-0109 – PETITION FOR
RULEMAKING AND RULEMAKING PLAN ON IMMEDIATE
NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NONEMERGENCY
EVENTS (PRM-50-116; NRC-2018-0201)

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to initiate a rulemaking to evaluate the immediate notification requirements for nonemergency events in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.72, "Immediate notification requirements for operating nuclear power reactors," and the closure of the docket for PRM-50-116. The Commission has also approved the publication of the *Federal Register* notice announcing the NRC's consideration of the PRM, subject to the enclosed edits, and the issuance of the letter informing the petitioner of this action.

The Commission has disapproved the staff's plan to not conduct the Committee to Review Generic Requirements review of this activity.

Changes that shift the responsibility for gathering, verifying, and communicating information on non-emergency events from licensees to resident inspectors should not be pursued. The staff should discontinue this effort if it determines at any point that the costs are not justified by the benefits or that the rulemaking would unacceptably degrade the NRC's situational awareness.

The staff should incorporate any applicable lessons learned from the Retrospective Review of Administrative Requirements and Rulemaking Process Innovation efforts to appropriately balance the regulatory improvements of this rulemaking effort and the anticipated staff expenditures.

The regulatory basis document should be provided to the Commission for its information no later than 10 business days prior to its transmittal for publication.

Enclosure: As stated

cc: Chairman Hanson
Commissioner Baran
Commissioner Wright
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