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MEMORANDUM TO: Daniel H. Dorman
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-21-0029 – RULEMAKING
PLAN ON REVISION OF INSERVICE TESTING AND INSERVICE
INSPECTION PROGRAM UPDATE FREQUENCIES REQUIRED
IN 10 CFR 50.55a

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to initiate a rulemaking to extend the Inservice Inspection (ISI) program and Inservice Testing (IST) program Code of record update frequency required in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.55a, "Codes and standards," from 120 months to 240 months for licensees that have updated their IST and ISI programs to the most recent edition and addenda for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) "Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants," Division 1, OM Code: Section IST and Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 50.55a by the effective date of this final rule. The Commission approves staff's recommendation for a future rulemaking to extend the interval from 240 months to 288 months if ASME increases the ISI interval to 12 years.

The Commission has also approved the staff's request to not develop a regulatory basis for these rulemakings; the staff's recommendations on the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Committee to Review Generic Requirements, and the Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes; and to delegate signature authority for these actions to the Executive Director for Operations.

The staff should move expeditiously to implement the remaining recommendations in the EMBARK Venture Studio's report regarding streamlining rules for unconditionally approved Code Cases and decreasing the frequency of Code Edition rulemakings.

cc: Chairman Hanson
Commissioner Baran
Commissioner Wright
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