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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Raymond V. Furstenau  
Acting Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Carrie M. Safford, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-22-0100 – PROPOSED RULE:  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL  
REVIEW (3150-AK54; NRC-2018-0300)

The Commission has approved publication of the proposed rule in the *Federal Register*, subject to the enclosed edits. The proposed rule would amend the NRC's regulations for categorical exclusions (CATX) from environmental review for certain licensing, regulatory, and administrative actions that individually or cumulatively do not have a significant effect on the human environment.

The staff should add language to the proposed rule's preamble acknowledging recent changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) enacted in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA) and add any discussion of FRA provisions that may be relevant and appropriate to address for this proposed rule.

The staff should create a tool to track the NRC's NEPA documents, including application of CATXs under 10 CFR 51.22(d).

The staff should update existing public webpages that highlight the various efforts undertaken by the Environmental Center of Expertise to make reviews more efficient and to be responsive to recent changes in NEPA.

The staff should continue its efforts to streamline the environmental review process by periodically reviewing and proposing revisions, including identifying new categories of actions, to the categorical exclusion regulations and procedures.

The staff should carefully consider feedback received during the proposed rule comment period to ensure that the scope and definition of previously disturbed area is clear.

Enclosure: Edits to the *Federal Register* notice

cc: Chair Hanson  
Commissioner Wright,  
Commissioner Caputo  
Commissioner Crowell  
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