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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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IN RESPONSE, PLEASE
REFER TO: M260413

MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael F. King
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Carrie M. Safford, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – AFFIRMATION SESSION,
10:00 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, VIA PUBLIC
TELECONFERENCE

I. SECY-24-0069 – FINAL RULE: HARMONIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY STANDARDS (RIN 3150-AJ85; NRC-2016-0179)

The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule that would revise the regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 C.F.R.) Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material," to harmonize the regulations with International Atomic Energy Agency standards and conform to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of the enclosed final rule. The Commission has also certified, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that this rule will not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

II. SECY-25-0085 – FINAL RULE: GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSING OF NEW NUCLEAR REACTORS (RIN 3150-AK55; NRC-2020-0101)

The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending regulations in 10 C.F.R. Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions," to codify the findings of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Licensing of New Nuclear Reactors (NR GEIS). The NR GEIS uses a technology-neutral regulatory framework and performance-based values and assumptions to determine those environmental impacts that would be the same (i.e., generic) for different new nuclear reactor designs and sites that fit within the parameters set forth in the NR GEIS, and those environmental impacts that would require a project-specific analysis.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of the enclosed final rule. The Commission has also certified, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that this rule will not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The *Federal Register* notice has been reviewed by RASB in NMSS and forwarded to SECY for signature and publication.

III. SECY-25-0105 – FINAL RULE, FR-2: INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN THE MANDATORY HEARING PROCESS (RIN 3150-AL59; NRC-2025-1502)

The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending regulations in 10 C.F.R. to increase flexibility in conducting mandatory hearings. In addition, the staff has incorporated conforming changes from the final rule, “Risk-Informed, Technology-Inclusive Regulatory Framework for Advanced Reactors,” regarding 10 C.F.R. Part 53.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of the enclosed final rule. The Commission has also certified, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The *Federal Register* notice has been reviewed by RASB in NMSS and forwarded to SECY for signature and publication.

Enclosures: *Federal Register* notice for Final Rule: Harmonization of Transportation Safety Requirements with International Atomic Energy Agency Standards
Federal Register notice for Final Rule: Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Licensing of New Nuclear Reactors
Federal Register notice for Final Rule, FR-2: Increased Flexibility in the Mandatory Hearing Process

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