UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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IN RESPONSE, PLEASE
REFER TO: M261112

MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael F. King
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Jody C. Martin, Secretary JODY MARTIN Digitally signed by JODY MARTIN Date: 2026.11.12 16:30:22 -05'00'

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – AFFIRMATION SESSION, 4:15 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026, VIA PUBLIC TELECONFERENCE

I. SECY-26-0078 – DIRECT FINAL RULE [DFR-1]: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS FUNCTIONS (RIN 3150-AL43)

The Commission is being asked to act on a direct final rule and companion proposed rule in response to Section 4.(b) of Executive Order 14300, "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission," which requires the NRC to reduce the personnel and functions of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) to the minimum necessary to fulfill the ACRS's statutory obligations and to focus the ACRS's review of permitting and licensing issues on issues that are truly novel or noteworthy.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this 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 revised Memorandum of Understanding between the ACRS and the Executive Director for Operations should be provided to the Commission for information prior to implementation.

In guidance, the provision adding the member of the NRC staff should be read as in addition to, not in lieu of, those other screening committee members currently listed in Appendix 1 of the Internal Commission Procedures.

The staff should provide the Commission with a Commissioners' Assistants brief outlining the proposed disposition of comments at least 10 business days before issuing the confirmation of effective date notice.

In the final Part 57 rule or at another appropriate time, the staff should update the references in the portion of section 1.13 that currently cite sections 50.2 and 53.020, to include Part 57.

Enclosures:
1. Direct Final Rule *Federal Register* notice
2. Companion Proposed Rule *Federal Register* notice

cc: Chairman Nieh
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