

February 23, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook /s/
Acting Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: COMSECY 98-002 - REQUEST FOR STARFIRE PROJECT APPROVAL
AND FUNDING

The Commission approved the use of \$3.2 million in carryover funds in FY 1998 for the STARFIRE project on the basis of projected cost savings for the NRC over the next 7 years and the prospect of establishing a more coherent resource management, planning, and monitoring system than is currently available. Nevertheless, the Commission is concerned that this additional use of carryover funds will reduce the current carryover balance to about \$11 million, well below the recommended amount and even further below the 5 percent FY 1999 target stated in the FY 1999 Performance Plan. The Commission therefore recommends that the CFO exercise fiscal discipline during the forthcoming mid-year review to restore the carryover balance to at least the recommended minimum level of \$15 million. The staff should periodically update the Commissioners on the progress of the STARFIRE project.

(CFO)

(SECY Suspense: 03/30/98)

cc: Chairman Jackson
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
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