

April 26, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael T. Ryan, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMSECY-07-0011 - ACTION PLAN
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007 AND 2008 FOR THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE (ACNW) STAFF
REQUIREMENTS

The Commission has approved the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste's (ACNW) charter and Action Plan for Fiscal years 2007 and 2008, subject to the comments below. In addition, the Commission has approved the ACNW recommendation to change the name to the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M).

The scope in the Committee's Action Plan should not be the sole or overwhelming justification for increasing the Committee's budget proposals. Future budget requests should be based on what is needed to support the activities before the Commission. The Committee should continue to prioritize activities to remain in alignment with the Commission's needs.

The desired outcomes, goals, and objectives of the ACNW&M's charter should clearly reflect a Committee role in advising the Commission on adequate protection of health and safety as it pertains to technical differences among external stakeholders, technical experts and NRC staff. The Committee should consider if there is a need to add a member with expertise in nuclear criticality safety and, if the answer is yes, make an appropriate recommendation to the Commission.

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