

February 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations
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FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF NRR PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCE, AND PLANS, 10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2000, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission commends the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for its accomplishments during the past year. In its transition to a performance-based organization, NRR served as the pilot for the agency's Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Management (PBPM) effort, while at the same time implementing significant regulatory improvements and achieving greater organizational efficiency through a major staffing realignment.

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the status of NRR programs, performance, and plans. The staff should provide the following information to the Commission:

1. Most of the NRR performance measures address timeliness and quantity issues. The staff, in its October 21, 1999, memorandum to the Commission on stakeholder comments on the Nuclear Reactor Safety chapter of the strategic plan, has committed to consider creating measures to assess the quality of its various products. In its transmittal of the draft strategic plan, staff should provide a status of progress and describe how the quality of licensing actions and other products will be measured.

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2. The Commission noted that recent trends in the licensing arena (increase in the number of license renewal applications, increase in the number of inservice inspection risk-informed licensing actions) have resulted and will continue to result in greater resource demands on the staff. The staff should describe how emergent issues (and trends) are monitored, forecasted, and managed.

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The NRR briefing was consistent with the June 9, 1999, SRM on the PBPM and Institutionalizing Change public meeting. At next year's briefing, the Commission should be briefed on the Nuclear Reactor Safety arena.

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