

July 31, 2001

MEMORANDUM William D. Travers

TO: Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON READINESS FOR NEW PLANT APPLICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION, 1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2001, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and a stakeholder panel consisting of representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute, Exelon, Dominion Energy, Westinghouse, General Electric Nuclear Energy, the Department of Energy, and the Nuclear Control Institute. The Commission appreciates the information provided at this briefing and encourages all parties to continue to provide specific plans, schedules, technical issues, and policy issues to the NRC staff. This information will significantly aid the Commission in planning and budgeting resources.

In preparing for readiness for new reactor licensing, the staff should consider:

1. an integrated international research program with respect to gas reactors that would reduce costs, leverage facilities in various countries, and get information in a more timely fashion, and
2. the usefulness of developing a Standard Review Plan for review of combined license applications.

The Commission looks forward to reviewing the results of the Future Licensing and Inspection Readiness Assessment (FLIRA), which is due to the Commission in September 2001.

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