

May 26, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR: Janice Dunn Lee, Director
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Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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Chief Financial Officer

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON OIP PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCE, AND PLANS, 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY,
MAY 11, 2004, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on programs, performance, and plans in the Office of International Programs (OIP). The Commission commended the staff for its achievements and its improved effectiveness and efficiency in managing the increasing scope and complexity of its responsibilities.

The staff should provide the Commission a comprehensive review and prioritization of all international requests and activities for FY05 and 06, including those not reflected in the agency's budget, and the resource implications of each.

(OIP/EDO/CFO)

(SECY Suspense: 6 months from SRM)

OIP and program office staff should be increasingly aware of the sensitivity and timing of providing information to the Commission, particularly concerning developing security issues in the international arena. The staff should also provide presentations to be delivered by NRC personnel at international meetings that may describe or interpret NRC policies or have broader foreign policy implications with sufficient time for Commission review and guidance before the meeting.

Staff should provide the proposed rule amending 10 CFR Part 110, concerning import and export controls on high-risk sources, as previously directed by the Commission by the end of June 2004. In developing the proposed rule, staff should attempt to coordinate the substance of NRC's rulemaking with regulations being developed by other countries, especially the G-8 and NAFTA countries, as appropriate.

When changes are made in the NRC representatives on international committees, the staff should ensure that the predecessor briefs the successor in order to maintain continuity in the NRC's positions.

cc: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
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