

November 1, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES AND STATUS, 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the NRC's decommissioning activities and status which are encompassed by the Comprehensive Decommissioning Program. In addition, four stakeholders who represented, respectively, a reactor licensee, material licensee, a State regulator, and a community activist engaged in decommissioning complex sites, commented on their experiences with the NRC's decommissioning process. Within 60 days, the staff should review the recommendations and observations of the stakeholders and informally (Technical Assistance brief or other informal mechanism) provide its analysis, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Commission. Additionally, the staff should evaluate the lessons learned from the decommissioning of Maine Yankee and Trojan to look for ways to improve stakeholder interactions in NRC's decommissioning activities.

The staff should continue to review financial assurance submittals, particularly for sites experiencing financial difficulties, and continue to include this information, in the "Status of Decommissioning Program - Annual Report" or in a Commission paper on Decommissioning Financial Assurance. In addition, the staff should review the various aspects of the NRC's decommissioning program and provide the Commission with possible options for further consolidation of the program in one division in NMSS (e.g., including Research and Test Reactors and other NRR licensed facilities with decommissioning fuel cycle and materials licensees).

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