

January 31, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR: Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations  
FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary */RA/*  
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - DISCUSSION OF SECURITY ISSUES (CLOSED-EX. 2 & 3) 9:30 A.M., THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 12, 2006, EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on security issues related to information technology (IT) systems certification and accreditation as required by the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). In addition, the staff should inform the Commission which NRC IT systems are on the Office of Management and Budget's "watch list."

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The staff should ensure that NRC benefits from lessons learned by other Federal agencies. Staff should try to obtain copies of other agency Inspector General (IG) reports, redacted if necessary.

The staff should also ensure that NRC regional offices are fully integrated into system reviews and vulnerability testing.

The staff should reconsider the impact of the revised assessment of NRC FISMA program on the Continuity of Operations (COOP). The Commission believes it is important to have up-to-date information on COOP.

The staff should remind NRC employees of the seriousness with which infractions of NRC's IT security requirements are regarded by the Commission. Employees should be reminded that disciplinary actions may be taken against staff who violate these requirements.

cc: Chairman Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons  
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