

March 28, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON NRR PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCE, AND PLANS, 9:30 A.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) programs, performance, and plans.

The staff should ensure that an appropriate focus on the safety and security of operating plants continues to be provided as the staff prepares and implements the infrastructure for reviewing anticipated applications for new plant licenses. The staff should maintain connectivity of activities for operating plants and activities for potential new plants.

The staff should provide historical information from the peak licensing activities in the late 1970s or early 1980s about the number of applications that were in-process at one time and the number of staff and contractors needed to handle the workload at that time.

The Commission requested that the staff brief the Commission Technical Assistants on the coordination between NRR and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research on regulatory guide and standard review plan development and update.

The staff should, in accordance with the direction contained in SRM M060214, use the technical expertise of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (the Center) in those regulatory programs in which the Center could provide assistance.

cc: Chairman Diaz
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