

July 29, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES, 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by a Stakeholder panel and the NRC staff on fire protection issues including the implementation of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 805. The Stakeholder panel included representatives from Industry, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and the North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network (NCWARN).

The staff should provide the Commission with the Fire Protection Closure Plan including milestones and deliverables. The plan should include options, and FY2009 and FY2010 budget implications, for accelerating the completion of the various fire protection issues.

The Closure Plan should include training to appropriate staff on the important historical lessons learned from the fire protection issue resolution activities since 10 CFR 50 Appendix R was established.

The staff should also provide to the Commission a plan to assess the effectiveness of the ongoing improvements to the fire protection regulatory framework, using recent plant data to establish a baseline. Such a baseline could be, for example, the number and general type of all open fire protection deficiencies that were compensated and the manner of compensation used in CY2007.

cc: Chairman Klein
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