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

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON DIGITAL
INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL, 9:30 A.M., THURSDAY,
JUNE 4, 2009, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE
WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by an industry panel and the staff on the application of digital instrumentation and controls (I&C) for safety systems at nuclear facilities.

The Commission agrees that digital I&C systems can improve the safety of nuclear facilities and recognizes that they may also introduce new challenges that require appropriate review. The Commission supports an approach of having early interactions between the NRC staff and licensees planning to submit digital I&C license amendments in an effort to improve the licensing process.

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