

July 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brooke Poole, Director
Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION SESSION, 9:25 A.M.,
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE
ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

I. SECY-14-0055 – Petitions to Suspend Reactor Licensing Decisions and Reactor License Renewal Decisions Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.802(d) (filed on multiple dockets)

The Commission¹ approved a Memorandum and Order responding to petitions to suspend final decisions in twelve ongoing reactor licensing proceedings. The petitioners have filed a rulemaking petition seeking revisions to NRC regulations regarding the assessment of the environmental impacts of spent fuel storage during reactor operation, as well as associated petitions to suspend issuance of final licensing decisions in twelve ongoing matters pending resolution of the requested rulemaking. The Memorandum and Order denies the suspension petitions. The Commission further directs the NRC staff to deny a collateral request in the rulemaking petition to suspend licensing decisions in all other pending reactor licensing proceedings. It also directs the staff to seek Commission approval if during the resolution of the rulemaking petition, the staff determines that suspension of the rules or the environmental assessments considering severe accident mitigation design alternatives is necessary.

(Subsequently, on July 17, 2014, the Secretary signed the Memorandum and Order.)

¹ Section 201 of the Energy Reorganization Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 5841, provides that action of the Commission shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. Chairman Macfarlane, and Commissioners Svinicki, and Magwood were present in the Conference Room. Commissioner Ostendorff participated in the meeting via speakerphone.

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