

September 16, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-14-0038 – PERFORMANCE-
BASED FRAMEWORK FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OVERSIGHT

The Commission has approved the staff's recommended Option 2, to continue to apply lessons learned to the current emergency preparedness regulatory framework rather than pursuing rulemaking at this time.

The staff should be vigilant in continuing to assess the NRC's emergency preparedness program and should not rule out the possibility of moving to a performance-based framework in the future. The Commission notes the potential benefit of a performance-based emergency preparedness regimen for small modular reactors, and the staff should return to the Commission if it finds that conditions warrant rulemaking.

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