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MEMORANDUM FOR: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON RESULTS OF THE AGENCY ACTION REVIEW MEETING (AARM)
– REACTORS, 9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE
WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the Industry Trends Program, the self-assessment of the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP), and the status of three nuclear power plants that recently entered or emerged from the Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column of the ROP Action Matrix. The Commission commended the staff on the maturity and effectiveness of the reactor oversight program. The staff should increase its efforts to inform Congress and the public about the successes of the program.

The staff should provide to the Commission for approval a paper that describes the Baseline Risk Index for Initiating Events and plans for its use as a new industry-wide indicator. As part of this paper, the staff should discuss its communication plan.

In the next self-assessment report on the ROP, the staff should expand the resident inspector demographics, including Region by Region data, as well as summary data. The report should evaluate recruitment, training, and development to confirm that there are adequate human resources to meet changing needs.

The staff should, as practical, continue to look for leading performance indicators, as well as for ways to modify or improve the existing indicators. The staff should consider ways to enable senior resident inspectors to be promoted and still remain within the resident inspector program.

cc: Chairman Klein
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