

January 6, 2011

IN RESPONSE, PLEASE
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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION STANDARD (NFPA) 805 FIRE PROTECTION,
9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and a panel of external stakeholders on lessons learned regarding licensees transitioning to NFPA 805 fire protection standards. The panel of external stakeholders included Alex Marion, Vice President – Nuclear Operations, Nuclear Energy Institute; Paula Marino, Senior Industry Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Task Force and Vice President Southern Nuclear Operating Company; Jeffery Ertman, Progress Energy NFPA 805 Transition Project Manager; Michael Carlson, Vice President for Site Support Services at Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant; and Paul Gunter, Director of the Reactor Oversight Project, Beyond Nuclear.

The staff should brief the Commissioner Assistants regarding its response to the points Paul Gunter made in his presentation (i.e., fire protection enforcement discretion and exemptions).

The staff should provide the Commission an information paper regarding enforcement alternatives currently available for staff, including, but not limited to extending or reinstating enforcement discretion, for licensees that submit their license amendment requests (LARs) for transitioning to NFPA 805 beyond the date to which they had previously committed.

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