

December 5, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Andrew L. Bates
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMSECY-06-0053 - RENEWAL OF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS (ACRS)
CHARTER

The Commission has approved renewal of the ACRS Charter.

On item 2.d., the current 10 CFR 1.13 (2006) includes the following sentence: "The ACRS conducts studies of reactor safety research and submits reports thereon to the U.S. Congress and the NRC as appropriate." This sentence is omitted in the draft Charter. Although language requiring such reports to Congress was struck from the Atomic Energy Act in 1998, the present language in 10 CFR 1.13 remains. The Committee should consider removing this sentence from 10 CFR 1.13 or, if deemed necessary or desirable to reflect the Committee's continuing preparation of such reports for the NRC, revising it to read: "The ACRS conducts studies of reactor safety research and submits reports thereon as appropriate." The Committee should also consider whether inclusion of such language in its Charter is needed or desired.

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