

November 7, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Gregory B. Jaczko */RA/*

SUBJECT: INCREASING THE TRANSPARENCY OF NRC'S PUBLIC MEETINGS

This agency has a long record of working to conduct business as transparently as possible. The agency does a good job noticing public meetings and reaching out to those who may have an interest in attending in advance of the meeting. The NRC's website has the agency's meeting schedule, agendas and, sometimes, links or ADAMS accession numbers to background documents helpful in understanding the issue or action being discussed. But the reality of today's world is that not everyone interested in a topic is always able to attend the meetings or listen in if conferencing is available. Fortunately, technology now makes it possible for us to do even more to enhance the agency's efforts in this regard.

We believe it would be useful, if technologically feasible and affordable, to make sure that those with an interest in an NRC public meeting have the opportunity to view meetings over the internet through real-time viewing options. Given the advancements in webstreaming technology, we believe the staff should use technology to its advantage in increasing the transparency of NRC's public meetings.

Therefore, we believe the staff should consider webstreaming every public meeting where the staff anticipates significant public interest unless feasibility constraints prevent them from doing so in a particular instance. The staff should provide a cost estimate to the Commission of the implementation of this within 45 days.

SECY, please track.

cc: OGC
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