

December 4, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS MEMORANDUM
SECY-07-0114 – STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
REVISIONS TO THE ADVERSARY CHARACTERISTICS
SCREENING PROCESS

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to add a step for NRC technical analysis after (or as the final part of) Step 3 after receiving Intelligence and Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Communities input. The analysis should include a realistic threat assessment focusing on the use of the adversary characteristic against nuclear facilities in the U.S. The staff should eliminate resource assessments from the process.

In addition, the Commission also approves including, in a generic fashion, an assessment of the integrated effectiveness of applicable existing national, state, and local measures (i.e. such assessment need not be plant-specific). This assessment is intended to facilitate the Commission's discussion of these measures. If these measures address the characteristic, then the characteristic need not be added to the Adversary Characteristic Document (ACD).

Following the Commission's determination to add a characteristic to the ACD, if multiple ways exist to mitigate against that characteristic, the Commission may direct staff to evaluate the associated resource impacts.

The staff should prepare a publicly available version of the SECY paper.

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cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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