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MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON DRAFT FINAL RULE -
PART 52 (EARLY SITE PERMITS/STANDARD DESIGN
CERTIFICATIONS/COMBINED LICENSES), 9:30 A.M.,
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2006, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and industry representatives on the draft final rule to update 10 CFR Part 52 (Early Site Permits/Standard Design Certifications/Combined Licenses).

The Commission supports the staff holding a public meeting as soon as reasonably possible to discuss and possibly resolve comments raised on the draft final Part 52 rule, including section 52.99, inspection during construction. The staff should reach out to interested stakeholders to ensure they are informed of the public meeting. The staff should report the results of the meeting shortly following the meeting, so that the Commission can complete voting on the final rule in an expeditious manner.

The staff should brief the Commission Technical Assistants on the intent of the draft rule language regarding applicant or licensee responsibilities for inclusion of international operating experience insights into license applications and plant design.

The staff should provide regular Commission briefings on preparation for combined license applications.

cc: Chairman Klein
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