

April 4, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-06-0036 - PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE OPTIONS WITHIN THE SECURITY
CORNERSTONE OF THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation (Option 2B) to increase the amount of public information released pursuant to the implementation of the Security Oversight Process, subject to the revision noted below.

Option 2B summary statement should be revised as follows:

An NRC inspection was conducted in one or more of the attributes of the Security Cornerstone. If the inspection resulted in no findings, this would be stated. If the inspection resulted in one or more findings, then the statement should read, for example, "The inspection resulted in one (or more) findings. The deficiency/deficiencies was/were promptly corrected or compensated, and the licensee was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection prior to the inspector(s) leaving the site." At that time, staff should not describe the specific attributes affected by the adverse findings. Once the significance of these findings has been determined, the staff would assess whether to make this security information available to the public.

The staff should develop definitive guidelines that would provide consistent 'template' inspection report language for a range of conceivable situations (e.g. type of inspection conducted, number and significance of inspection findings) and that would facilitate efficient staff assessments on making this security information available to the public as noted in the summary above.

The inspection report cover letter should be publically issued in accordance with inspection report timeliness goals.

cc: Chairman Diaz
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Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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