March 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
                              Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMSECY-07-0003 - CHANGE IN
                              PRIORITIES OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY
                              COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION OF
                              INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

The Commission has approved the proposed change to the priorities of the staff's efforts to certify and accredit information technology (IT) systems. This change will re-focus attention to newer systems which can be certified within a shorter time frame and lower cost, and staff will work with the legacy system owners to evaluate the risk of re-focusing on modernization and determine the best course forward. The staff's plan will accredit a total of 12 systems by the end of FY 2007 and accredit the remaining 31 systems by the end of FY 2009.

The risk-based approach should not be completely abandoned and in setting priorities legacy systems should be given at least a medium priority.

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