


November 23, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Jesse L. Funches /s/
Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: DRAFT NUCLEAR WASTE SAFETY CHAPTER OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

On October 21, 1999, I provided the Commission with our revised schedule for the development of the FY 2000-2005 Strategic Plan. [Attachment 1](#)  is the draft Nuclear Waste Safety chapter of the Strategic Plan. This chapter reflects the results of facilitated sessions, with senior executives responsible for the conduct of the Nuclear Waste Safety programs, to identify performance goals, strategies, measures and metrics. In developing this draft chapter, the staff also considered stakeholder comments on the draft Nuclear Reactor Safety chapter that were also appropriate to the Nuclear Waste Safety program. The group which developed the Nuclear Waste Safety chapter, led by Carl Paperiello, will be scheduling a briefing for commissioner assistants to provide an overview of the staff's efforts and answer questions.

The Executive Council has reviewed the draft Nuclear Waste Safety chapter and has approved its transmittal to the Commission. The Commission need not formally endorse the Nuclear Waste Safety chapter until it is provided as part of the formal update of the entire strategic plan (see schedule, [Attachment 2](#)). However, since the staff will continue to devote attention to improving the Nuclear Waste Safety chapter and harmonizing it with all of the mission chapters, we would appreciate early Commission feedback on significant issues of concern regarding performance goals, strategies, measures and metrics.

Since the Agreement States have regulatory responsibility for aspects of waste management, we plan to begin involving them in the development of this chapter. Unless directed otherwise, the Office of State Programs will provide Attachment 1 to the Agreement States on Tuesday, November 30, 1999, noting that it is undergoing Commission review. We will tell them that if they wish to comment, we must have their comments by December 31, 1999. We will also tell them that the NRC will publish a complete draft Strategic Plan for public comment in the spring, and that we intend to invite them to a meeting after that to discuss comments they may have on that document. We also plan to handle the draft Nuclear Materials Safety chapter in the same way.

To help place this draft chapter in context with the overall strategic plan, [Attachment 3](#) is a draft of the contents for the FY 2000-2005 Strategic Plan.

SECY please track.

[Attachments](#) : As stated

cc: EDO
(A)CIO
OGC
SECY
OSP

Contact: Daryl Kade, OCFO/DPBA
415-7326