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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF
NRC RESPONSE TO EVENTS IN JAPAN AND BRIEFING ON
STATION BLACKOUT, 9:30 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE) and COMMISSIONERS' EXECUTIVE
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (CLOSED TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of the NRC response to events in Japan and provided an overview of U.S. nuclear plant preparedness to prevent and cope with station blackout. As part of the NRC's longer term review, staff should, to the extent practicable, perform a comparison between the NRC's requirements for station blackout and the corresponding Japanese regulatory requirements and provide it to the Commission in the form of a Commissioners' Assistants note. This effort should be mindful of the impact on the Japanese regulator and the NRC personnel supporting the event follow-up.

The Commission looks forward to upcoming briefings from the agency task force conducting a systematic review of our processes and regulations to determine whether the agency should make additional improvements to our regulatory system.

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