

July 20, 2011

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

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-11-0073 – STAFF PROPOSAL
TO REINTEGRATE SECURITY INTO THE ACTION MATRIX OF
THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM

The Commission has approved the staff's proposal to reintegrate security inspection findings and performance indicators (PIs) into the Action Matrix of the Reactor Oversight Process for commercial nuclear power licensees. The Commission also has approved the staff's recommendation that this proposal be considered, where applicable and appropriate, for other NRC security inspection and oversight programs, such as reactors under construction.

The staff should closely monitor this reintegration to ensure reliable regulatory response outcomes occur from inspection findings and PIs in the safety and security areas. The staff should interface with internal and external stakeholders during the reintegration to address any concerns about the appropriateness of the regulatory response outcomes. The staff should provide a discussion of the reintegration effort in the Commission paper on the reactor oversight process self-assessment covering calendar year 2012.

It is possible that the reintegration of inspection findings and performance indicators into the Action Matrix may result in the distribution of security-related information to a broader array of individuals, some of whom may not be experienced in identifying and protecting sensitive information. The staff should elucidate its intended process to assure that sensitive security information is identified and separated before public letters and other documents related to the ROP evaluations are released and provide it to inform the Commission.

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