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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF SPENT FUEL PROJECTS, 9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of spent fuel projects including related transportation issues. The Commission commends the staff for the significant improvements in the spent fuel program over the past two years in responding to increasing industry demands while maintaining public health and safety. Consistent with the SRM on the NMSS program briefing (M000211), the staff should perform a comparison of NRC transportation requirements and IAEA standards and their potential impacts on NRC licensees as part of the rulemaking plan on 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."

The Commission was also briefed by a panel of representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, and NAC International.

Subsequent to the briefing, Commissioner McGaffigan submitted additional questions to the staff on spent nuclear fuel issues. The questions and staff responses should be made part of the Commission briefing public record.

- cc: Chairman Meserve
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