

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
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OPERATIONS

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The generic statement is part of the staff's continuing efforts to improve the agency's capability to implement the plan should it ever become necessary. The Office the of General Counsel (OGC) considered the issue of ensuring the adequacy of delegations of authority to head the agency and to head offices and regions as provided in the COOP Plan. Although delegation statements already exist, they tend to be specific to each position and require attentive maintenance as organizations and titles change. OGC believes that one overarching delegation document can accomplish the necessary delegations and that this approach would be preferable to reviewing and revising numerous, specific delegations. OGC suggests that the attached delegations statement be signed by the Chairman and all Commissioners and that it be appended to the COOP Plan.

OGC prepared the attached delegations statement and has no legal objection. Incident Response Operations is the agency lead for COOP and related activities and will append the approved statement to the NRC COOP Plan. For questions or additional information, please contact Joe Himes at 415-7564 or e-mail JEH1.

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DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

In the event that the NRC Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP Plan) is activated, any individual holding a position identified in the COOP Plan's order of succession to head the agency (COOP Plan § 2.2.1) must have the full authority to carry out all the Chairman's functions if required due to the unavailability of all higher successors. Similarly, any individual holding a position identified in the COOP Plan's order of succession to head any identified office or region (COOP Plan § 2.2.2) must have the authority to act for the director of that office if required.

In the event that the NRC COOP Plan is activated pursuant to sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the COOP Plan, and for the purpose of ensuring that any individual who is required to assume the position of head of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has the requisite authority to perform that function, pursuant to subsection 4(a) of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1980, as amended, the Chairman hereby delegates the full authority of the Chairman to any such individual for the time period beginning at the time of activation of the COOP Plan and ending at the time that COOP Plan activities are terminated pursuant to section 2.3.6 of the COOP Plan.

In the event that the NRC COOP Plan is activated pursuant to sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the COOP Plan, and for the purpose of ensuring that any individual who is required to assume the position of head of any office or region identified in the COOP Plan has the requisite authority to perform that function, the Commission hereby delegates to any such individual the full authority to perform that function for the time period beginning at the time of activation of the COOP Plan and ending at the time that COOP Plan activities are terminated pursuant to section 2.3.6 of the COOP Plan.

<u>/RA/</u> _____ Richard A. Meserve, Chairman	<u>3/21/00</u> _____ Date
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