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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

William M. Beecher, Director
Office of Public Affairs

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF NMSS
PROGRAMS, PERFORMANCE, AND PLANS, 9:30 A.M.,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2000, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the programs, performance, and plans in the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). The Commission commends NMSS for its accomplishments over the past year and its contribution to maintaining public health and safety.

Due to the broad range of programs and diverse stakeholders, NMSS has a complex challenge in communicating risk to the public. Consistent with the SRM from the meeting with the stakeholders concerning nuclear materials and waste activities (M991109A), the staff should provide its plans for ensuring that NRC staff, including inspection and licensing staff, are appropriately trained in communication skills.

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(SECY suspense: 9/30/00)

As part of the rulemaking on 10 CFR Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material," the staff should perform a comparison of NRC transportation requirements and IAEA standards and their potential impacts on NRC licensees.

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