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MEMORANDUM TO: Deborah Jackson, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DRAFT REGULATORY BASIS FOR
POTENTIAL RULEMAKING REGARDING PROMPT REMEDIATION
OF RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION

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A rule mandating prompt remediation would potentially affect all classes of licensees, including those in Agreement States. Because they oversee licensees with the potential of having contamination that could require prompt remediation, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, the Office of New Reactors, and the Office of New Reactor Regulation have a strong interest in this regulatory basis. The Nuclear Energy Institute, the Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, National Medical Association, and some Agreement States also expressed an interest through the public meeting forum. All documents, by both staff and commenters, are in ADAMS at ML113330110.

If the Commission approves developing a new rule, staff will develop guidance on implementing that rule. The guidance may be a supplement to RG-4.22, guidance on implementing the Decommissioning Planning Rule, or new guidance, depending on the rule language.

Thank you for your assistance in reviewing this document.

Enclosures:

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2. Draft Regulatory Basis Regarding Prompt Remediation

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