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MEMORANDUM TO: Those on the Attached List

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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION USE

OF LICENSEE WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

At the request of the regions and in light of improvements to wireless networks at licensee facilities, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) developed policy on the use of licensee wireless network technologies by NRC employees. This policy is codified in the Enterprise Security Architecture (ESA) Standard CSO-STD-4000, "Network Infrastructure Standard," page 18, §2.15.1.6 [ML14192B317]. The standard applies to all NRC employees and is currently in effect.

If granted access by the licensee, NRC employees may use the licensee's wireless network technologies when conducting official duties on licensee premises. This will affect primarily resident inspectors, but also any other NRC employee visiting a licensee facility for official business. If permitted by the licensee, visiting NRC employees may contact licensee staff to coordinate wireless network access.

The following conditions apply:

- To access the licensee wireless network technologies, NRC employees must use only NRC-issued hardware and software, or personal hardware that is covered by NRC's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program.
- 2. NRC-issued hardware and software must meet current NRC requirements for configuration control, security scans, and patches.
- 3. Employees are not authorized to use licensee-furnished information technology hardware or software, except for licensee wired workstations where previously provided for walk-up workstations for NRC official business.

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- 4. NRC employees are not authorized to use licensee wireless networks for personal use, even if accessed with an NRC BYOD-approved device. NRC employees' access to licensee wireless network technologies is for NRC-authorized and official purposes only.
- 5. NRC employees using licensee wireless networks are not authorized to request or receive additional access privileges or specialized technical support not related to accessing the wireless network.
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