

June 8, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Eliot B. Brenner, Director
Office of Public Affairs

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMSECY-06-0024 - PROPOSED
POLICY STATEMENT ON CONTROLS OVER VIDEO NEWS
RELEASES

The Commission has approved the proposed policy statement and modifications to management directives, subject to the comments and changes noted below.

1. In the "Background" section, paragraph 1, revise line 1 to read '**Public Law 109-13, The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of FY2005 states** ~~Last year, Congress passed a law stating specifically~~ that no Federal ...'
2. In the "Proposed Policy Statement" section, line 1, insert a comma after 'that'. Revise line 2 to read '... the agency, ~~that~~ it is clearly' Revise lines 3 and 4 to read '... Public Affairs, **in consultation with OGC**, before it is issued. ~~to ensure compliance with all applicable laws.~~'

Changes to Management Directive 5.5

3. In the "Objectives" section, revise line 4 to read '... of all videos **news releases** prepared by ...'
4. Under the heading of "Organizational Responsibilities and Delegations of Authority," insert 2 new paragraphs which read as follows.

Chairman

- As NRC's official spokesperson, makes the final decision on news releases in any form, when necessary, consistent with Commission decision and policy.

General Counsel

- Provides legal advice and determinations, for any proposed NRC video releases, on compliance with those provisions of Public Law 109-13, "The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act" pertaining to video news releases.
5. In the bullet under "Director, Office of Public Affairs (OPA)," revise line 1 to read '... and

approves, **in consultation with OGC**, issuance of any video news releases **that** are developed' Revise lines 3 and 4 to read ' ... product. ~~and that it complies with all applicable laws governing pre-packaged news stories.~~'

Changes to Management Directive 3.15

6. In the bullet under "Objectives," revise line 3 to read ' ... status of various **industries.**'

cc: Chairman Diaz
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