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December 12, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR: William D. Travers

Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO ADD NEW SECTION 10 CFR 50.69

(SECY-02-0176), 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,

ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff, including a panel of individuals who submitted differing professional views, concerning a proposed rulemaking to add a new section to 10 CFR Part 50 to provide an alternative set of requirements for the treatment of structures, systems, and components (SSCs), using a risk-informed categorization process to determine safety significance of the SSCs at commercial nuclear power plants. The Commission will provide additional guidance on this issue once voting is complete and a Staff Requirements Memorandum is issued on SECY-02-0176.

cc: Chairman Meserve

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