February 12, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON LESSONS LEARNED: DAVIS-BESSE REACTOR VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION, 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2003, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by representatives of FirstEnergy, the NRC staff, the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Ottawa County, Ohio, and the Nuclear Energy Institute on lessons learned regarding the Davis-Besse reactor vessel head degradation incident and progress made in addressing the root causes of the incident.

The NRC staff should continue to keep the Commission informed of the status of the Davis-Besse plant including inspection activities and results from NRC's review of human performance and safety conscience work environment issues.

The significance determination process results should be finalized in a timely fashion and posted to the Reactor Oversight Process website.

The staff should inform the Commission when emergent or other issues significantly impede their ability to carry out their mission or a Region requires significant resources from another region or office.

cc: Chairman Meserve Commissioner Dicus Commissioner Diaz Commissioner McGaffigan Commissioner Merrifield OGC CFO OCA OIG OPA Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail) PDR