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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers

Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF NMSS PROGRAMS - WASTE SAFETY, 10:00 A.M.,

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE,

MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of waste safety programs, performance and planning in the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS).

The staff should provide a report documenting the status of Key Technical Issue Agreements which have been identified by NRC as relevant to the pre-license application process for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 4/4/03)

In addition, the staff should provide the Commission an updated report that includes a risk significance-ranked listing of the Agreements based on the feedback from Phase II of the Risk Insights Initiatives, along with a broad ranking of the anticipated staff effort (low, medium, high), the anticipated technical difficulty (low, medium, high), and their date completed or the approximate completion date after DOE submits the document for review.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 5/30/03)

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