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June 18, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON LICENSE RENEWAL
PROGRAM (SECY-01-0074), 1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 14,
2001, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and a representative of Duke Power Company on the license renewal program. The staff discussed, inter alia, its plans to reduce the public comment period for the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) -- beginning with the Turkey Point DEIS and for all future license renewal reviews -- from the current practice of 75 days to the minimum period of 45 days required by 10 CFR 51.73. Prior to implementing this schedule adjustment, the Commission requires additional information on the basis for reducing the DEIS public comment period, including resource implications. To the extent practicable, the staff should seek feedback on this proposed reduction in the DEIS public comment period from external stakeholders. With regards to the Turkey Point license renewal review schedule, the staff should provide a 75-day public comment period for the DEIS. The Commission will provide further guidance on generic license renewal guidance documents in their votes and the Staff Requirements Memorandum on SECY-01-0074.

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