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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

REQUEST REPLY BY: 1/23/02

COMNJD-02-0001

January 8, 2002

Approved. See attached comments.

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

Richard A. Meserve

1/22/02

FROM:

Nils J. Diaz

SUBJECT:

COMNJD-02-0001 - ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF NRC'S
ACTIVITIES ON LICENSEES' OPERATIONS

REF:

SECY-01-0228

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SECY: please track.

Comments of Chairman Meserve on COMNJD-02-0001

I support Commissioner Diaz's suggestion that the annual assessment of the impact of NRC's activities on reactor licensee's operations should periodically be supplemented by an independent survey by a qualified contractor. Because the collection and periodic evaluation of performance information can provide important insights, I suggest that the staff also consider whether the periodic collection and evaluation of feedback should be extended to other classes of licensees. The staff should provide a recommendation as to the appropriate interval for such assessments.

I also support Commissioner Merrifield's recommendation that the staff provide its views on how to proceed with the independent surveys, including appropriate frequency and cost estimates.



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COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONER DICUS ON COMNJD-02-0001

I endorse Commissioner Diaz's suggestion to add an independent survey by a qualified contractor to supplement the staff's assessment of impact of NRC on licensees. However, final approval of such a task should be preceded by a determination of the resources needed to support an independent contractor, the potential burden imposed on licensees, and any need for clearances from the Office of Management and Budget.



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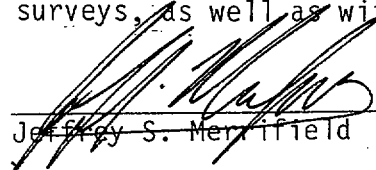
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Approved. I believe it would be prudent to direct the staff to provide the Commission with their views on how best to proceed with the independent surveys and the appropriate frequency of these surveys, as well as with cost estimates.

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Jeffrey S. Merrifield

01/17/02

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