

December 21, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-05-0187 - STATUS OF
SAFETY CULTURE INITIATIVES AND SCHEDULE FOR
NEAR-TERM DELIVERABLES

Consistent with previous direction provided in SRM-SECY-04-0111, the staff should continue to interact with external stakeholders, build from enhancements already made to the ROP in response to the Davis Besse Lessons Learned Task Force, and develop a process for determining if an evaluation of safety culture is warranted when a plant falls into the degraded cornerstone column of the ROP action matrix.

The staff should keep the Commission offices fully and currently informed of the status of this activity, inform the Commission offices of the key elements of the process before finalizing it, and complete this activity by May 2006. The staff should complete requisite training of inspectors on the enhancements to address safety culture by the end of CY 2006.

Significant changes to the ROP addressing safety culture should be documented in the ROP guidance and/or basis documentation.

The staff should ensure that resulting modifications to the ROP are consistent with the regulatory principles that guided the development of the ROP, such that overall assessments of licensee performance remain transparent, understandable, objective, predictable, risk-informed and performance-based.

cc: Chairman Diaz
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