

September 15, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

Janice Dunn Lee, Director
Office of International Programs

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-06-0192 - MULTINATIONAL
DESIGN APPROVAL PROGRAM STAGE 2

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to participate in the Multinational Design Approval Program (MDAP) Stage 2 pilot project and assessment (i.e., Phase 1 of this initiative).

The staff should explicitly establish a consistent means to measure progress toward the stated Stage 2 goals and the actual benefits being derived. As Stage 2 progresses, the staff should remain alert for opportunities to recommend any specific regulatory changes that would benefit our licensing review processes.

The staff should be permitted to change the name of this program as needed to achieve an appropriate degree of multinational support, perhaps by using terms which denote more of a "review" program than an "approval" or "acceptance" program.

The staff should continue to provide informational updates and reports of on-going Stage 2 developments to the Commission.

cc: Chairman Klein
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Commissioner Jaczko
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