

July 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Klein  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Luis A. Reyes **/RA Martin J. Virgilio Acting for/**  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: EXPANDING OUTREACH WITH UNIVERSITY NUCLEAR  
ENGINEERING PROGRAMS (M070308B)

This memorandum responds to Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) M070308B, related to the Commission Briefing on the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Programs conducted on March 8, 2007.

The SRM indicated that "... staff should expand their outreach with university nuclear engineering programs by communicating specific knowledge and skills needed to the Nuclear Engineering Department Heads Organization (NEDHO)."

To that end, NMSS has conducted several activities, including the following:

- During March 1 - 3, 2007, the Director of the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards (FCSS) participated in a meeting to evaluate the Department of Nuclear Engineering, at the University of California, at Berkeley, to ensure that they are continuing to meet the needs of the nuclear engineering community, and to interview students to assess their satisfaction with their education.
- During May 2 - 4, 2007, the FCSS Director participated in a meeting to evaluate the Department of Physics at West Virginia University, to assess its ability to prepare students for a career in physics.
- On June 25, 2007, a Deputy Director in the Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation and the Director, Office of Human Resources, met with the NEDHO to present current status, plans, and strategies for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recruiting and hiring, and to obtain feedback from NEDHO. NEDHO appreciated the NRC initiative to discuss these topics and provided helpful feedback, particularly in the area of administration of the grants program. NRC will maintain regular contact with NEDHO to continue to foster collaboration in recruiting, hiring, training, and other joint ventures related to nuclear education.

CONTACT: David W. Pstrak, NMSS/DO  
301-492-3238

- At the University of New Mexico and the University of Tennessee, FCSS staff will continue to build a relationship with the faculty and students by: 1) sending staff to make presentations at colloquiums on criticality safety issues of interest to NRC; 2) arranging for interviews of nuclear engineering students on campus; 3) funding research in criticality safety; and 4) regularly communicating with the department heads and other faculty.

Beginning in September 2007 and throughout Fiscal Year 2008, NMSS is planning to participate in several recruitment fairs to conduct interviews for critical skills positions.

cc: SECY  
OGC  
OCA  
OPA  
CFO

- At the University of New Mexico and the University of Tennessee, FCSS staff will continue to build a relationship with the faculty and students by: 1) sending staff to make presentations at colloquiums on criticality safety issues of interest to NRC; 2) arranging for interviews of nuclear engineering students on campus; 3) funding research in criticality safety; and 4) regularly communicating with the department heads and other faculty.

Beginning in September 2007 and throughout Fiscal Year 2008, NMSS is planning to participate in several recruitment fairs to conduct interviews for critical skills positions.

cc: SECY  
OGC  
OCA  
OPA  
CFO

DISTRIBUTION: WITS 200700211/EDATS: SECY-2007-0248

NMSS r/f	RidsNmssOd	RidsSecyCorrespondence	MRodgers
EDO r/f	RidsEdoMailCenter	RidsHrMailCenter	DPstrak

**ML072000499**

<b>OFC</b>	NMSS:OD	Tech Ed	NMSS:PBPA	NMSS:DD
<b>NAME</b>	D. Pstrak*	E. Kraus	M. Flynn	E. Leeds
<b>DATE</b>	7 / 19 /07	7/24 /07	7/24 /07	/ /07

  

<b>OFC</b>	OHR:OD	NMSS:OD	EDO
<b>NAME</b>	J. McDermott	M. Weber	M. Virgilio for L. Reyes
<b>DATE</b>	7/23/07	7/24/07	7/31/07

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY