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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

COMSECY-07-0025

July 27, 2007

Approve.

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Klein  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons  
FROM: Luis A. Reyes  
Executive Director for Operations

*Dale E. Klein*  
Dale E. Klein

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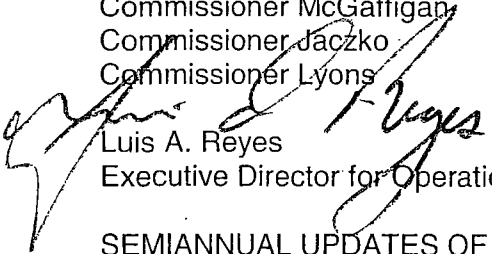
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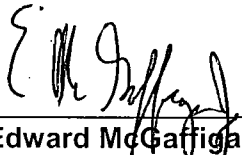
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**Commissioner McGaffigan's Comments on COMSECY-07-0025**

I approve the staff recommendation to change from semi-annual updates of the Lessons-Learned Program (LLP) to annual updates.

The Commission has frequently stated that the workforce demographics of the NRC indicate that knowledge transfer is one of the critical challenges facing the agency. I regard the LLP as one of the measures implemented to achieve such transfers. Thus, I am troubled by the internal stakeholder comment (SECY-07-0121, Enclosure 1) that, "The majority of the staff are unaware of the LLP's existence", and agree with the recommendation that additional efforts must be made to increase staff awareness of the LLP.

Additionally, I agree with the internal stakeholder comment that the LLP should include discussions of successes and not just failures: "The staff should learn from actions that were done right the first time, and not just failures that required corrective actions." Repeating previous errors should be avoided, of course, but avoiding failures in situations previously resolved successfully is just as important.

  
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Edward McGaffigan, Jr.                      8/1/07  
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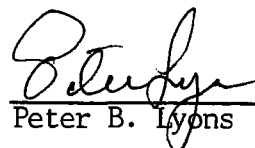
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