

August 22, 2007

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane, Director
Office of International Programs

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Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-07-0118 - STATUS REPORT
ON THE PROGRESS OF THE G-8 COUNTRIES IN
IMPLEMENTING THE IAEA CODE OF CONDUCT (SRM-
M050602A)

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to discontinue the periodic updates on the G-8 countries' implementation of the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources. The Commission believes it would be useful to understand international practices and international benchmarks with regard to its decisions next year on expanding the National Source Tracking System to Category 3 sources, and whether to expand specific licensing to Category 3.5 sources. For this reason, the Office of International Programs should support the Office of State and Federal Materials and Environmental Management Program's efforts to improve NRC's byproduct materials licensing and oversight programs by obtaining information on other nations' Code implementation to serve as benchmarks for the NRC effort.

Previously, in the Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY-06-0171, "Analysis of 10 CFR Part 110, Appendix P Implementation Issues," the staff was directed to keep the Commission informed of "methods and opportunities to achieve greater and more uniform adoption of the provisions of the Code of Conduct by other countries." The Commission appreciates the staff's continuing efforts to provide the Commission with information on other countries' implementation of the Code of Conduct, and looks forward to any recommendations the staff may have for enhancing the agency's approach to implementing the same.

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