

August 31, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-11-0105 – PROPOSED
MINOR REVISION TO MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 5.12,
INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE PARTICIPATION

The Commission has approved Option 2 to revise Management Directive 5.12 to allow NRC reporting of events that attract international public interest.

If the staff proposes to submit an event to INES that is Level 1 or Below Scale / Level 0, the staff should inform the Commission in writing at least three business days in advance. If the Commission takes no action in that time, the Level 1 or Below Scale / Level 0 event may be submitted to INES.

Regardless of whether an event is submitted to INES, the NRC should continue to be as open and transparent as it has been, by making information about U.S. events promptly, publicly available through the NRC's normal practices.

The staff should take care in assuring that U.S. events reflected in the INES are always placed in the appropriate safety context.

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