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

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – STRATEGIC PROGRAMMATIC
OVERVIEW OF THE OPERATING REACTORS BUSINESS LINE,
9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on strategic considerations associated with the Operating Reactors Business Line, including expected priorities, near-and longer-term projections and trends, and emerging focus areas. The staff discussed items not expected to change over the next five years; environmental drivers, items outside the staff's control but have the potential to impact work; and the major product lines outlook over the next two to five years, along with major trends and challenges.

As the staff considers its work load, consideration should be given to shedding lower priority work and seeking Commission approval where needed.

As a public communications tool, the staff should create and maintain a historical summary in the form of a NUREG (similar to *Protecting Our Nation: A Report of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* (NUREG/BR-0314)), to be placed on the public website, noting significant safety improvements the NRC has required at nuclear power plants in the years since they were initially licensed and constructed.

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