

August 14, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: COMSGB-15-0003 – COMMISSION INVOLVEMENT IN EARLY STAGES OF RULEMAKING

This memorandum is to inform you that all Commissioners have concurred in your proposal for increased Commission involvement early in the rulemaking process. The attached SRM provides staff direction on this issue.

This completes action on COMSGB-15-0003.

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Ostendorff
Commissioner Baran
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MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – COMSGB-15-0003 – COMMISSION
INVOLVEMENT IN EARLY STAGES OF RULEMAKING

The staff should provide the Commission a proposed plan for increasing the Commission's involvement in the rulemaking process with the objective of ensuring early Commission engagement before significant resources are expended. The proposed plan should include, at a minimum, a recommendation for possibly reintroducing Commission approval of the Rulemaking Activity Plan; assessing and addressing any lessons learned from the past changes to Commission engagement in the rulemaking process; and a recommendation for reconsideration of the Commission's 2006 direction with respect to the approval of rulemaking plans and the reviews of proposed rules by the Committee to Review Generic Requirements and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. The staff should also analyze whether amendments to the charter of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements to alter its role in the agency's rulemaking process have the potential to better inform the agency's allocation of resources and prioritization of activities. The staff analysis should also consider the option of requiring the submission of a brief notation vote paper to the Commission seeking authorization to initiate any non-routine rulemaking.

The staff shall provide the Commission with a notation vote paper with the staff's evaluation and recommendations within 60 days of the Staff Requirements Memorandum.

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(SECY Suspense: October, 13, 2015)

cc: Chairman Burns
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Ostendorff
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