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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

Maureen E. Wylie
Chief Financial Officer

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-16-0009 –
RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE INTEGRATED
PRIORITIZATION AND RE-BASELINING OF AGENCY
ACTIVITIES

The Commission commends the staff for its thorough and methodical approach and the extensive work undertaken to produce the set of recommendations. The Commission has approved the staff's recommendations on items to shed, de-prioritize, and perform with fewer resources listed in Enclosure 1, with the following exceptions, and subject to the comments below. The Commission has also approved delegating to the EDO the authority to issue *Federal Register* notices and other documentation to inform the public of the rulemaking activities listed in Enclosure 1 that the Commission approves for delay or cancellation.

The Commission has not approved Item 6-delaying the Dodd-Frank Rulemaking.

It is important that the completion of the re-baselining effort and the other Project AIM tasks be viewed by the NRC staff and stakeholders as the beginning and not the end in our goal to be better positioned to respond to the challenges of 2020 and beyond.

The staff should monitor the effect of these approved changes, commensurate with their significance, and report back to the Commission on future adjustments or course corrections that are needed, if any.

The staff should track progress in developing a true picture of our skill mix and projected needs against the Strategic Workforce Plan (SWP) Action Plan and establish more concrete milestones for each element of the plan. The staff should update the Commission on strategic workforce restructuring every six months.

The staff should perform a set of specific business process improvement reviews in various areas and identify resource savings, and incorporate those savings into the FY 2018 budget and subsequent budgets. Beyond these reviews, the staff should plan further similar reviews in various areas of practice.

With regard to Item 39- eliminating funding for the Minority Serving Institutions Programs (MSIP); in the event that funds are appropriated for the Integrated University Program, the staff should strive to support activities that were covered by the MSIP.

With regard to Items 51, 52, and 59 – decreasing funding for fire protection research; the staff should continue funding research for those activities that relate to High-Energy Arc Faults testing.

With regard to Item 108 - decrease resources for RII Construction Inspection Program; the staff should evaluate future construction inspection needs in the formulation of the FY 2018 budget given the significant decrease in construction activity in the 2017 - 2020 period compared to projections from 2006.

With regard to Item 35 - eliminating certain updates on the status of Japan lessons learned activities; the staff should provide monthly updates to the Commission.

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