



SECRETARY

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 6, 2017

IN RESPONSE, PLEASE  
REFER TO: M170113

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree  
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – BRIEFING ON OPERATOR  
LICENSING PROGRAM, 9:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 13,  
2017, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE  
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by external panelists and the NRC staff on the status of operator licensing in the nuclear power industry, including issues related to licensee training programs, NRC initial licensing examinations, and requalification. The external presenters were Rusty Shoemaker, Manager, Accreditation, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations; Casey Pfeiffer, President, Professional Reactor Operator Society; John Austin, Director, Nuclear Training, Vogtle Nuclear Station, Southern Nuclear Company; and Gregg Ludlam, Chairman, Nuclear Energy Institute's Licensed Operator Focus Group.

The staff should retain the informal NRC staff review of individual reactor operator applicants' appeals on the validity of examination items. This action reverses the prior Commission direction related to this issue in the Staff Requirements Memorandum for SECY-16-0009, "Recommendations Resulting from the Integrated Prioritization and Re-Baselining of Agency Activities."

cc: Chairman Svinicki  
Commissioner Baran  
Commissioner Burns  
OGC  
CFO  
OCA  
OIG  
OPA  
ODs, RAs, ACRS, ASLBP (via E-Mail)  
PDR