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MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane
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FROM: Scott Moore, Executive Director **/RA/**
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: REGULATORY GUIDE

During the 667th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, October 2-4, 2019, the Committee considered the following Guide. No response to this memorandum is requested.

Regulatory Guide

Draft Guide (DG)-1287, "An Approach for Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: Technical Specifications," which is the latest proposed revision to Regulatory Guide (RG)-1.177 of the same name. (no review)

Committee Notes:

- 1) The revised DG changed the often used term 'traditional engineering' to 'deterministic engineering.' This is a minor change, except DG-1287 no longer matches the language in Regulatory Guide (RG)-1.174, "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-informed Decisions on Plant-specific Changes to Licensing Basis," which still uses the term 'traditional engineering,' and
- 2) neither version of DG-1287 uses the specific citation in RG-1.174 to an 'Integrated Decisionmaking' process, a phrase the Committee helped develop and finds essential to risk-informed decision making. To be fair, the text of the RG forces users to that process.

Reference:

RES Memorandum, Request for Review and Concurrence of Draft Guide 1287, "An Approach for Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: Technical Specifications," dated July 25, 2019 (ML19206A480)

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