



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

May 1, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: John W. Lubinski, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

FROM: Patricia K. Holahan, Chair
Reactor Decommissioning Financial Assurance
Steering Committee
Director, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery
and Waste Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE
INTER-OFFICE WORKING GROUP FINAL REPORT

This memorandum transmits the Final Report of the Reactor Decommissioning Financial Assurance Inter-Office Working Group (Working Group) (Enclosure 1). The Working Group was established to ensure effective regulation and oversight of financial assurance of reactors in decommissioning. The Working Group participants include branch chiefs and senior staff with expertise and responsibility for key aspects of the reactor decommissioning financial assurance process from affected Office of the Executive Director for Operations Staff Offices, as well as the Office of the General Counsel. This includes Working Group members from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) (both the Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs and the Division of Rulemaking, Environmental and Financial Support), as well as Region I, III and IV's Divisions of Nuclear Materials Safety.

The Steering Committee, comprised of Division level management from each of the organizations listed above, has reviewed and approved the recommendations of the attached Final Report. As Chairman of the Steering Committee, I will oversee tasking to cognizant NRC organizations to complete guidance revisions to Office Instruction (OI) LIC-205,¹ Regulatory

CONTACT: Ted Smith, NMSS/DUWP/RDB
301-415-6721

¹ Prior to the formation of the Center of Expertise - Financial (COE-F), in NMSS most Financial Assessment Branch (FAB) functions resided in NRR in the Financial Projects Branch (PFPB). As such, the procedures for reviewing decommissioning funding status reports for power reactors are described in NRR Office Instruction, LIC-205. With this relocation, the functions of FAB also moved to NMSS. Accordingly, guidance such as LIC-205 will be consolidated into the NMSS guidance format.

Guide (RG)1.159 and Inspection Procedure (IP) 71801 and establish a training program to implement the working group recommendation report items identified on the two tables below.

Guidance or Action	Recommendation (see below)	Lead Branch	Supporting Offices	Planned Completion
OI LIC 205 (see footnote 1)	1, 2, 3, and 5	NMSS/ REFS/ FAB	NMSS/DUWP/RDB, RGN I, III & IV	End of CY 2020
RG 1.159	1, 3, 7, and 8	NMSS/ REFS/ FAB	NMSS/DUWP/RDB, RGN I, III & IV	End of CY 2021
IP 71801	4, and 5	NMSS/ DUWP/ RDB	NMSS/REFS/FAB, RGN I, III & IV	End of CY 2020
Training Activity	6	NMSS/ DUWP/ RDB	NMSS/REFS/FAB, RGN I, III & IV	Start at 2020 CP Meeting
Referral to DFM	9	NMSS/ DUWP/ RDB		June 1, 2020

Recommendation Number	Recommendation Description
1	Clarify Oversight of Decommissioning Trust Fund Expenditures as Part of Reviews of Annual Decommissioning Funding Status Reports
2	Periodic Cost-Baselining
3	Develop 30-day Notification Guidance
4	Revise Financial Assurance Inspection Procedures
5	Develop Reactor Decommissioning Financial Assurance Spot Check Program for Power Reactors in Decommissioning
6	Establish Reactor Decommissioning Financial Assurance Training Program
7	Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report Update Triggers
8	Clarify Applicability of the Formula Amount
9	Provide Irradiated Nuclear Fuel Funding Guidance for use of Provisional Trust Funds

Enclosure: Final Report

SUBJECT: REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE INTER-OFFICE
WORKING GROUP FINAL REPORT **DATE: May 1, 2020**

DISTRIBUTION: DUWP201900020-3

Public, Regional Administrators, MJRoss-Lee, NRR
FMiller - NMSS, BWatson – NMSS, Working Group and Alternates

ADAMS Accession Number: Package ML20120A550

Memo ML20120A551

***via email**

OFFICE	NMSS/PM	NMSS/BC	OGC	NMSS/REFS	NRR/DORL
NAME	TSmith*	BWatson*	TCampbell*	JTappert*	CErlanger*
DATE	04/24/2020	04/27/2020	04/28/2020	04/28/2020	04/28/2020
OFFICE	RGN I/DNMS	RGN III/DNMS	RGN IV/DNMS	NMSS/DUWP	
NAME	JTrapp*	CLipa* for DPelton	LHowell* for MMuessle	THolahan	
DATE	04/27/2020	05/01/2020	04/28/2020	05/01/2020	

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY