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MEMORANDUM TO: Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan

FROM: Shirley Ann Jackson

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SUBJECT: COMSECY-96-068; POWER REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING (DSI 24)

In providing the Commission's Final Views on Power Reactor Decommissioning (DSI 24), I support increased responsiveness to the public and industry in achieving, as soon as possible, finality in decommissioning requirements. This is especially important as the industry moves to a deregulated environment, as decommissioning implementation costs must be understood and properly factored into planning decisions and rate recovery mechanisms. In fulfilling this objective, I recommend the Commission's Final View on Power Reactor Decommissioning (DSI 24) be Option 2, Pursue the Current Direction and Approaches More Aggressively. The following additional comments are also provided:

Implementation guidance in pursuing this option should continue to explore innovative approaches, particularly having NRC take an enhanced performance-oriented approach by reducing oversight (consistent with risk) and performing a radiological assessment of the site when it is ready to be released. The Commission's final decision on this DSI should include consideration of the comments received suggesting improvements in existing practices and rulemakings, especially relating to lessons-learned (e.g., packaging and transport) and data available (e.g., survey costs) from recent decommissionings.

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