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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret M. Doane
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-21-0026 –
DISCONTINUATION OF RULEMAKING—SPENT FUEL
REPROCESSING

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to discontinue the Spent Fuel Reprocessing rulemaking activity that was directed by Staff Requirements Memorandum SECY-13-0093, "Staff Requirements—SECY-13-0093—Reprocessing Regulatory Framework—Status and Next Steps," dated November 4, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13308A403). The Commission has also approved publication of the *Federal Register* notice informing the public that the NRC has discontinued the rulemaking, subject to the enclosed edits.

The staff should continue to interact with the Department of Energy, international counterparts, and the industry, to monitor activities related to and interest in reprocessing, including its application for advanced reactors, and engage the Commission as appropriate.

The staff should ensure an orderly closure of this rulemaking activity and capture technical insights collected from the efforts directed under SRM-SECY-13-0093 through the Agency's knowledge management processes and tools.

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Chairman Hanson
Commissioner Baran
Commissioner Caputo
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