

December 8, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO: Said Abdel-Khalik, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM: R. W. Borchardt **/RA/**
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: INITIAL ACRS REVIEW OF (1) THE NRC NEAR-TERM TASK
FORCE REPORT ON FUKUSHIMA, (2) STAFF'S
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DELAY
(SECY-11-0124), AND (3) STAFF'S PRIORITIZATION OF
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO
FUKUSHIMA LESSONS LEARNED (SECY-11-0137)

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The staff recognizes the need for timely action on all submitted recommendations and will take appropriate actions consistent with the established criteria for the three-tier prioritization. As such, the staff will update you further when the prioritization of the ACRS recommendations is complete. The staff also appreciates the ACRS's interest in the use of credit for containment accident pressure (CAP) in licensing actions. The staff will continue to evaluate the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident and will seek Commission guidance if any insights gained necessitate a change in previous Commission direction on the use of CAP.

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