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NRC ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE EVENTS IN JAPAN (FSME-11-028)

Purpose: To provide recipients with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Chairman's Tasking Memorandum (COMGBJ-11-0002), dated March 23, 2001, entitled "NRC Actions Following the Events in Japan," as well as individual NRC Commissioner vote sheets, for information and awareness; no action or response is required.

Background: The Tasking Memorandum is the result of the NRC staff briefing of the Commission at a March 21, 2011 public meeting in Rockville, Maryland, regarding NRC activities in response to the earthquake and associated tsunami which struck Japan on March 11, 2011. The meeting included an overview of NRC actions related to the Japanese emergency and the possible short and long-term activities for the NRC. A transcript of the public meeting and the associated slides are posted, respectively, on NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/tr/2011/20110321.pdf> and <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/slides/2011/20110321/staff-slides-03212011-meeting-rev1.pdf>.

Discussion: The Chairman's Tasking Memorandum directs the NRC staff to establish a senior level agency task force to conduct a methodical and systematic review of NRC processes and regulations to determine whether additional improvements to NRC's regulatory system are needed and to make recommendations to the Commission for policy direction. The task force is to brief the Commission on a 30 day quick look report, at 60 days on the status of the ongoing near term review, and on the 90 day culmination of the near term efforts. The Chairman's Tasking Memo and individual Commissioner vote sheets can be found on NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/recent/2011/>.

In addition, other NRC information related to the March 11 earthquake and tsunami is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/japan/japan-info.html>. For questions about this FSME letter, please contact the individual below.

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