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SUBJECT: PROJECT AIM 2020 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In June 2014, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) established a small team to develop the long-term workload forecast for the agency, along with the framework and recommendations to enhance the NRC's ability to plan and execute its mission in a more effective, efficient, and agile manner. The Commission approved the charter for the project on July 22, 2014, in SRM-COMSECY-14-0024. Consistent with the charter and Project Plan, as well as subsequent Commission direction in Staff Requirements Memoranda (SRM) M140729B (August 8, 2014), M140729A (August 11, 2014), COMAMM-14-0005 (September 5, 2014), M140916B (September 24, 2014), and M141120 (December 8, 2014), the staff developed a report and roadmap to improve NRC's agility, effectiveness, and efficiency, while also refining the basis for agency planning through 2020 and beyond.

The team's report, including recommendations and roadmap, are attached for the Commission's consideration. The recommendations are summarized in the report and described in detail in Appendix A – Recommendations. The staff would use existing resources in fiscal year (FY) 2015 and those projected in FY 2016 to accomplish the strategies. Longer term resources for subsequent implementation of the strategies in FY 2017 and beyond will be pursued through the budget formulation process.

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Consistent with Chapter II of the Commission Internal Procedures, the staff recommends that the enclosures to this paper be treated as Official Use Only – Sensitive Internal Information and only be released if the Commission decides to do so following completion and issuance of the SRM. The analysis described in the Project Aim 2020 report and the associated strategies involve particularly sensitive matters, including sensitive personnel and budget policy matters that are the rightful province of the Commission. Premature release of this information could adversely impact the deliberations of the Commission in terms of the scope, approach, timing, and sequencing of the decisions that Project Aim 2020 supports. Consequently, the staff recommends that the contents of the report and its appendices be withheld from release until the Commission decides whether and, if so, when to release all or part of the Project Aim report in conjunction with the SRM for this paper. In addition, the staff anticipates that portions of the Project Aim 2020 report will be used to prepare a report to Congress consistent with the 2015 Appropriations Report. The only external party to whom the report will be provided 10 days after delivery of this paper to the Commission is the National Academy of Public Administration, who requires access to the final report to perform its contractual obligations to the NRC and is obligated by contract to protect this information until the Commission determines otherwise.

COORDINATION:

The Office of the General Counsel has reviewed this paper and has no legal objection.

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Enclosure:
Project Aim 2020 Report