

January 3, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-07-0207 – MULTINATIONAL
DESIGN EVALUATION PROGRAM - STAGE 2 PILOT PROJECT

The Commission has approved continued staff participation in the Multinational Design Evaluation Program (MDEP), including support for the implementation of the recommendations of the MDEP Stage 2 pilot project and reconstituting the program by merging the three separate stages into a single program with two working groups, one type focused on specific designs and the other type focused on specific issues relevant to all designs.

As the MDEP moves forward, the staff should continue to keep the Commission apprised of developments, and the interest of other countries to participate in the MDEP program.

Since international interest in this initiative may well grow, the staff should assess the potential need to develop or further formalize the process for admitting additional countries to participate in the MDEP.

cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
OGC
CFO
OCA
OPA
Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)
PDR