May 20, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers

Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON OPERATING REACTORS AND FUEL FACILITIES,

9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE

FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on operating reactors and fuel facilities.

In plant assessment documentation and communication with licensees and the public, the staff should either not use the terms "acceptable" or "unacceptable" (letting the Plant Performance Review stand alone), or consistently apply the terms considering the current plant conditions. In particular, PPR letters and related press releases should contain a clear and concise summary of the agency's overview conclusions regarding each plant. This paragraph should be essentially non-technical and in plain English.

cc: Chairman Jackson

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Commissioner Diaz

Commissioner McGaffigan Commissioner Merrifield

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