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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

William C. Parler
General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: COMKC-90-18 - NEPA REVIEWS FOR DESIGN
CERTIFICATION

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) has approved the Chairman's proposal to identify the appropriate scope of severe accident reviews for NEPA purposes for a design certification. The staff should assure that, as part of their ongoing efforts for design certification, they incorporate the necessary and appropriate NEPA review of potential severe accident mitigation design alternatives for the design to be certified. In this connection, staff should explore potential concepts for defining "remote and speculative."

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In addition, the staff and OGC should define and propose resolutions of other potential issues affecting the certification process, such as what specific procedures will be employed in the certification rulemaking, and whether an FDA or a design certification can contain open confirmatory issues. Such issues should be considered and resolved as soon as possible, or at least on a schedule which will not unnecessarily delay the review and certification of standard designs.

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cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick