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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: SECY-91-262 - RESOLUTION OF SELECTED TECHNICAL AND SEVERE ACCIDENT ISSUES FOR EVOLUTIONARY LIGHT WATER REACTOR (LWR) DESIGNS

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) has approved the staff's recommendation to proceed with design-specific rulemakings through individual design certifications to resolve selected technical and severe accident issues for the ABWR and ABB/CE System 80+ designs. Additionally, the staff should proceed with generic rulemaking as quickly as possible where appropriate for evolutionary and passive designs.

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With regard to the issue of obtaining early informal public comment on these issues, the staff should provide a more detailed analysis of exactly what kind of informal public comment is envisioned and elaborate on the following questions:

- 1) What kind of procedural mechanism is envisioned for obtaining informal public comments?
2) Would this process be limited to severe accident issues, or would it logically need to be applied to all issues where the agency proposes going beyond existing regulatory requirements?

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- 3) How would this recommended approach, if adopted, affect the schedules for certification of the GE ABWR and ABB/CE System 80+ designs?

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