

April 6, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations  
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FROM: John T. Larkins, Executive Director  
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

SUBJECT: FINAL RULE: "ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR  
NONCOMBUSTIBLE FIRE BARRIER PENETRATION SEAL  
MATERIALS AND OTHER MINOR CHANGES" (10 CFR PART  
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During the 471<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, April 5-7, 2000, the Committee considered the subject final rule. The proposed rule change was initially directed by the Commission in the Staff Requirements Memorandum dated June 30, 1998. During the 460<sup>th</sup> meeting, July 8-10, 1998, the Committee agreed with the Commission's direction as indicated in its report of July 20, 1998. Since the issuance of the report, there were no significant changes made to the proposed final rule. Therefore, the Committee decided not to review this rule and has no objection to issuing the final rule for industry use.

Reference :

Memorandum dated March 9, 2000, from John N. Hannon, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, to John T. Larkins, ACRS, transmitting Final Rule: "Elimination of the Requirement for Noncombustible Fire Barrier Penetration Seal Materials and Other Minor Changes" (10 CFR PART 50)

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