

September 8, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-203 - REGULATORY
GUIDE FOR UPDATED FINAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORTS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 10 CFR 50.71(e)

The Commission has approved publication of the regulatory guide, RG 1.181, with the following clarifications, as one acceptable method for compliance with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

1. The staff should inform the Commission of the results of its efforts to monitor future updates to plant FSARs as discussed in SECY-99-203, including 1) an assessment of whether the guidance for FSAR updates or design bases or both needs to be modified, and 2) whether additional regulatory oversight is warranted. In performing its assessment, the staff should ensure a representative sample of FSARs is examined.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 3/30/2001)
2. The last paragraph in the "B. DISCUSSION" section of RG 1.181 should be modified to read:
1st sentence:
"...the NRC staff comments, and the clarification of Regulatory Position C.5 of DG-1083."
3rd sentence:
"...the NRC staff's comments, and addresses the concerns of Regulatory Position C.5 from DG-1083."
3. Because the definition of design basis information has a direct impact on the FSAR content, current staff effort to develop the regulatory guide for design basis should ensure that it is consistent with the guidance on updating FSARs. In addition, the staff should explore ways to expedite completion of the final regulatory guide for design basis (scheduled for 5/2000) so that these two guides can be implemented concurrently.

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