

May 12, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-106 - POLICY ON  
COPYRIGHT OF COMPUTER CODES DEVELOPED  
UNDER NRC COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The Commission has approved the staff's plans to implement a copyright policy to better control the use and development of its computer codes. The Commission notes that the NRC will continue to provide the codes to domestic users at educational institutions free of charge and to other domestic users at a nominal charge to cover shipping and handling costs. Technical assistance to domestic users will be provided by the NRC code development contractor on a "cost recovery" basis. The Commission further notes that, pursuant to the license, the NRC will continue to make the codes available to foreign organizations through signed agreements with the NRC. The signed agreements will prohibit further dissemination of the codes.

cc: Chairman Jackson  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
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