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MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON OPERATING
REACTORS AND FUEL FACILITIES, 10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 21, 1998, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN
TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the results of the Senior Management Meeting (SMM) held on January 6-7, 1998 and on the status of operating reactors and fuel facilities.

The staff should inform the Commission of the process and criteria used to evaluate materials facilities during the SMM process, including performance indicators, considerations of risk, and the thresholds for determining whether a materials facility warrants increased NRC attention.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 3/20/98)

At the Commission briefing following the next SMM, the staff should provide additional specificity on the individual plant weaknesses that form the basis for SMM decisions, including a clear discussion of those attributes of a licensee's control processes that have adversely affected its operational safety performance, and greater clarity regarding the circumstances surrounding, and potential safety significance of, plant events.

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