

August 21, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-152 - SUMMARY OF
ISSUES AND RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
RESIDENT INSPECTOR PROGRAM

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendations subject to the specific comments provided below.

The staff should proceed with a short term action to ensure that immediate issues of "Management Expectation" for resident inspectors (such as site coverage and residence requirements discussed in the ALMPC subcommittee report) are addressed as described in Action 1. This clarification should be made promptly.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

9/30/98)

To address longer term changes to the program guidance, the staff should wait for completion of the re-baselining of the inspection and assessment programs. After finalization of the revised inspection and assessment programs, process mapping (as described in the Job Task Analysis) of the inspection and assessment processes should be used to establish clear roles and responsibilities for resident inspectors. A final revision of the program guidance, incorporating the new program's roles and responsibilities, should be issued by June 30, 1999, or consistent with the schedule developed in response to the Chairman's tasking memorandum of August 7, 1998 .

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(SECY Suspense:

6/30/99)

Based on the realities of the budget situation, the Commission does not expect to reinstate the five-year rotation policy for resident inspectors in FY 2000. As such, all current resident inspectors should be considered to have the option of a seven-year vice five-year maximum tour length. New resident inspector assignments will stipulate a seven year maximum tour length. Should future budgets support a return to a five-year maximum tour length, that should be applied as new tours begin. The proposed letter to affected resident inspectors should clarify this decision.

In addressing issues on telecommunications for resident sites, the staff should not be constrained by the FY 1999 and FY 2000 budget program -- funds for approved recommendations should be made available from lower priority activities within the Agency.

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