

June 6, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-075 -
METHODOLOGY AND CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING CORE
RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

The Commission has approved the proposed methodology and criteria for evaluating core research capabilities and provides the staff the flexibility to make minor modifications to the methodology and criteria if needed.

The staff should ensure that the areas of research identified for assessment include those areas that are essential for the support of current and foreseeable future regulatory activities. In addition to the inputs provided from other NRC user offices, areas of research suggested by the industry should also be considered. When documenting the core capabilities assessments, the staff should make it much more clear as to how the recommended resource levels for each core research area were determined.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 11/3/97)

The SRM on DSI-22 (COMSECY-96-066, dated March 28, 1997) tasked the staff to recommend an approach to creating and maintaining an agency-wide data base on the core technical capabilities in the staff. Also, the SRM on DSI-18 (COMSECY-96-027, dated August 26, 1996) tasked the staff to develop an action plan to include a process for identifying the agency's skills and core capabilities requirements. The core technical capabilities residing in NRR, AEOD, and NMSS should also be analyzed and incorporated into the overall scope of activities and integrated with the core research capabilities analysis.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 12/19/97)

SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-97-075, AND THE COMMISSION VOTING RECORD CONTAINING THE VOTE SHEETS OF ALL COMMISSIONERS WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SRM.

The staff should review the level of resources being applied to research activities that are in a "sunset" state. The weighting of criteria for Support Areas 5 and 6 should also be reviewed.

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