

September 3, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-165 - PROPOSED
REVISION TO 10 CFR 50.65(a)(3) TO REQUIRE LICENSEES
TO PERFORM SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

The Commission has approved publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register for a 75-day comment period. The staff should ensure that the statements of consideration and the implementation guidance to be developed as discussed in the next paragraph provide sufficient clarification that licensees be given the flexibility to use appropriate probabilistic and/or deterministic methods when performing the safety assessments required by subsection a(4). The staff should solicit public comment in the Federal Register notice on whether any further clarification of this point should be provided in the rule.

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The staff should work in a collaborative fashion with stakeholders -- in meetings that are open to the public and through effective use of NRC's Maintenance Rule Home Page -- to develop the regulatory guidance for the revised rule. The staff should strive for a regulatory guide which endorses a revision to NUMARC 93-01 that establishes implementation guidance for the proposed rule change. The staff should also strive to present regulatory guidance to the Commission no later than the final rule package.

cc: Chairman Jackson
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