

May 30, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-099 -
TRANSMITTAL OF THE STAFF'S SAFETY EVALUATION
OF DOE'S REPORT ON TRITIUM-PRODUCING BURNABLE
ABSORBER ROD LEAD TEST ASSEMBLIES

This is to advise you that the Commission has not objected to the issuance of the safety evaluation of DOE's report on the irradiation of tritium-producing burnable absorber rod lead test assemblies (LTAs) in commercial light-water reactors. In the interest of supporting DOE's tritium production program which calls for loading of the LTAs during the Fall 1997 refueling outage, the staff should obtain the additional information needed to evaluate the Watts Bar amendment and reach an orderly and prompt conclusion.

cc: Chairman Jackson
Commissioner Rogers
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SECY NOTE: SECY-97-099 WAS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ON MAY 21, 1997. THIS SRM WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SRM.