

September 9, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

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Executive Director, ACRS/ACNW

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-149 - NUCLEAR
SAFETY RESEARCH REVIEW COMMITTEE (NSRRC)

The Commission has approved Option 2 — transfer of the research advisory function to the ACRS. The Commission believes that the 3 FTE cut in the ACRS FY 98 budget can be partially offset by the 1 FTE transferred with the NSRRC function.

The ACRS should take an active role in reviewing ongoing Research program initiatives, such as those discussed in SECY-97-075 and SECY-97-167. In this role, the ACRS should examine the need, scope, and balance of the reactor safety research program. The ACRS should also consider how well the Office of Research anticipates research needs and how it is positioned for the changing environment, and recommend whether the NSRRC function is still needed.

(ACRS)

(SECY Suspense: 6/1/98)

The staff should forward letters to the members of the NSRRC informing the Committee of the Commission's decision.

SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-97-149, 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.

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