

June 30, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-087 - PROPOSED
GENERIC LETTER 98-XX: INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR
UPDATED FINAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORTS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 10 CFR 50.71(e)

The Commission has disapproved issuance of the proposed generic letter for public comment at this time. The staff should continue to work with NEI and other stakeholders, and strive to finalize an NEI guidance document that the NRC can endorse. The staff and NEI should reach closure by December 31, 1998. If agreement is not reached by that date, the staff should issue the draft generic letter for comment in the following week. Should the staff and NEI reach an impasse before December 31, the staff should promptly notify the Commission so that the Commission can reconsider issuance of the draft generic letter.

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(SECY Suspense:

12/31/98)

Meanwhile, the staff should ensure that inspections do not use the draft generic letter. Completeness and accuracy of the FSAR should be tied together and accomplished within six months, for risk significant items (for other information, the updated FSAR must be complete and accurate within 18 months), of the issuance of either 1) the NRC endorsement of the NEI guidance or 2) issuance of the generic letter. Enforcement discretion should be extended until that time.

SECY NOTE: SECY-98-087 WAS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ON MAY 12, 1998. THIS SRM 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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