

February 25, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-015 - REMOVAL OF  
THE BABCOCK & WILCOX APOLLO SITE FROM THE  
SITE DECOMMISSIONING MANAGEMENT PLAN

This is to advise you that the Commission has not objected to the proposed actions by the staff to remove the Apollo site from the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP), subject to the comments provided below.

Given the considerable Congressional and public interest in this site, the staff should notify the appropriate Congressional oversight committees and the Pennsylvania delegation of its determination to remove the Apollo site from the SDMP. In addition, the staff should inform the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), about the NRC's intent to release the Apollo site, in advance of or simultaneous with the Federal Register publication, not afterward. The Federal Register notice should be revised accordingly (pp. 5-6).

The Federal Register notice should be changed as follows:

1. On page 2, paragraph 3, last line, delete the word 'being' or reword the sentence.
2. On page 3, line 2, replace the period at the end with a comma. In line 3, add the word 'is' after the word 'and.' In the next paragraph, line 2, replace the word 'they' with 'The petitioners.'
3. On page 4, line 8, the word inspection should begin with a lower case letter.

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SECY NOTE: THIS SRM AND SECY-97-015 WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY  
AVAILABLE 5 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS  
SRM.



In the future, when requesting that the Commission approve removal of a site from the SDMP, the staff should include: 1) an assessment of the dose to the average member of the critical group as a result of residual contamination at the site or 2) in cases where a dose assessment was not performed, a description of how the site meets NRC criteria for unrestricted release. This will be especially important after the finalization of the radiological criteria for decommissioning and license termination rule.

cc: Chairman Jackson  
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