

January 16, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

Anthony J. Galante
Chief Information Officer

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-275 - GUIDELINES FOR
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO AGREEMENT STATES AND
ALTERNATIVES FOR TRAINING

The Commission has approved the staff's approach for offering assistance to the Agreement States on a case-by-case basis that would help State agencies identify and clarify their training needs. This includes (1) continuation of research and evaluation of emerging training technologies, and (2) conversion of selected courses or portions of courses to alternate methodologies where effectiveness and efficiency warrant.

The Chief Information Officer and the staff should continue to coordinate the assessment of the business case for future investments in alternative training whether for internal NRC purposes or for Agreement State purposes. The staff should inform the Commission in the event that a business case can be made for the NRC to use other training alternatives briefly discussed in the paper which are less technology-driven (e.g. regional training by NRC, a contractor, or a group of State instructors; agreements with local universities and colleges; or commercially available courses that meet the training objectives). The business case analysis of training alternatives should be comprehensive and include costs and cost savings to Agreement States as well as to the NRC.

The staff should explore, as appropriate, the off-site training alternative, in particular, locations in Agreement States, and report their findings to the Commission for consideration. (In the context of this SRM, off-site refers to training at sites other than its current normal locations in the TTC, NRC headquarters or regional office, or NRC contractor's office.)

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SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-97-275, AND THE COMMISSION VOTING RECORD
CONTAINING THE VOTE SHEETS OF ALL COMMISSIONERS WILL BE MADE
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