

January 13, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-279 - GENERIC AND
CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF
TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH-LEVEL WASTE (HLW) IN THE
VICINITY OF AN HLW REPOSITORY (SRM M970612)

The Commission has approved the staff's proposal to implement Option 3 to amend 10 CFR 51.53(c)(3)(ii)(M) as a long-term solution to categorize the impacts of transportation of HLW as a Category 1 issue. The staff's proposal to require licensees to provide a discussion in the plant-specific environmental report (Option 2) should be implemented only if a license renewal application is received before the rulemaking activity is completed and a delay due to the generic rulemaking might affect the licensing process for a license renewal. The staff should notify the Commission if implementation of Option 2 is later deemed necessary for this reason.

cc: Chairman Jackson
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SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-97-279, 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.