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MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: BRIEFING ON PRA IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN, 10:05 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1997,
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on recent accomplishments, the status of on-going activities, and future tasks in the staff's efforts to ensure timely and integrated agency-wide use of PRA technology and methodology in NRC regulatory activities. The Commission encouraged the staff to continue to improve the agency's PRA activities and to provide appropriate review and feedback mechanisms to ensure that PRA is appropriately used in a risk-informed regulatory framework and continues to foster a risk-informed regulatory process.

The Commission also requested that the staff:

- in their forthcoming paper identifying the issues raised during the workshop on NRC's draft guidance documents include a discussion of how much variability and what degree of uncertainty in PRAs performed by licensees can be tolerated for regulatory purposes in a risk-informed regulatory framework.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 12/31/97)

- address at the next periodic briefing on the PRA Implementation Plan the extent to which the Commission's objective of establishing a risk-informed regulatory program has been communicated effectively to the NRC staff and to licensees and other external stakeholders.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 5/06/98)

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