

April 3, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON U.S.
ENRICHMENT CORPORATION CERTIFICATION
(SECY-96-054), 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 22,
1996, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE
WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN
TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of the certification process for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation's gaseous diffusion plants. The Commission urged the staff to move ahead as expeditiously as possible but, at the same time, to ensure that safety issues were not overlooked. The methodology used to resolve significant safety issues and how it is folded into the compliance plans in the certification process needs to be clearly delineated and documented. The staff should provide the Commission with USEC's schedule for submitting revisions to the application and compliance plan which address all outstanding safety issues. The Commission should be kept informed of any emerging issues which may affect safety.

When the staff completes its certification process of the USEC facilities and prior to issuing certification, the staff should prepare a paper that summarizes the results of the safety assessments and should be prepared to brief the Commission at a public meeting.

cc: Chairman Jackson
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