

October 15, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-201 - DEFERRAL OF  
REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF  
THE LAKE CITY ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT TO THE  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to defer a portion of the oversight of remediation activities involving radioactive contamination at of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (LCAAP) in Independence, Missouri, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

When the NRC portion of LCAAP is ready to be removed from the SDMP list, the staff should provide the Commission, if at all possible, with an assessment of the dose to the average member of the critical group as a result of any residual contamination of the NRC-regulated portions of the site. The staff could utilize the DandD code under development as a bounding tool and provide the Commission with a dose range if necessary. As stated in the paper, the NRC should not remove the LCAAP site from the Army's license until NRC has reviewed EPA's basis for its determination that remediation at the remaining portions of the site is complete and has determined that the residual contamination is compatible with NRC's decommissioning criteria. The staff should inform the Commission of its decision on this matter.

The staff should continue to seek Commission approval of such deferrals and referral of NRC licensed sites to EPA. Such actions should generally be considered as a last resort.

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