

March 20, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-96-110 - COMPLETION
OF RESPONSE TO THE STAFF REQUIREMENTS
MEMORANDUM, FOR SECY-95-249, ON RISK
HARMONIZATION WHITE PAPER AND RECOMMENDATIONS
BY THE INTERAGENCY STEERING COMMITTEE ON
RADIATION STANDARDS

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation not to amend the White Paper to include a discussion about the application of EPA's 10^{-4} to 10^{-6} risk limits. The Commission has approved distribution of Attachment 1 to the other ISCORS participants and other interested parties.

The Commission requests that when reporting on matters related to EPA regulation of ionizing radiation, the staff provide a full and direct discussion of the technical issues and policy implications.

The Commission notes that Attachment 1 could have been clearer and more direct in discussing EPA's approach to limiting risk from exposure to ionizing radiation. For example, it might have been useful to note EPA's annual limit for radon (200 millirem) and EPA's general disinterest to date in dealing with NORM in such settings as coal ash.

SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-96-110, 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.

cc: Chairman Jackson
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