

May 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: SECY-95-098 - NRC PARTICIPATION IN WORLD USE
OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR EVENT SCALE

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) has approved Alternative 2 continuing the current policy of limited participation in use of the International Nuclear Event Scale (INES) for power reactors.

Commissioner de Planque suggested that events at facilities other than power reactors should also be reported if they have initiators and result in an ALERT declaration (or higher). She also suggested a goal for assessing the event and submitting reports to INES of 48 hours in accordance with the IAEA goal. Commissioner de Planque also stated that the staff need not systematically review events that do not involve initiators solely for purposes of INES reporting, but that, if during the normal processing of events, a significant failure in safety provisions is identified, it should be reported in the spirit of international cooperation.

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner de Planque
Commissioner Jackson
OGC
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Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)

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