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January 21, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON NRC RESEARCH  
PROGRAM ON LOW-LEVEL WASTE, 2:00 P.M.,  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1994, COMMISSIONERS'  
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the research program on low-level waste. The staff should provide the Commission a time line for these research programs and include some idea of the magnitude of the research, the number of FTE involved in the individual projects, and the costs involved, both within the NRC and through external contracts.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 2/25/94)

The staff should reconsider using the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis for performing research in the low-level radioactive waste area, particularly for studies which would be applicable to both high and low level waste disposal issues.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 4/15/94)

The staff should be mindful of the need to continually evaluate the projected benefit of research programs as well as the costs. Such evaluation should consider who the beneficiaries of the research will be and who is paying for the research in view of the requirement to recover 100 percent of the budget through fees.

cc: The Chairman  
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