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September 29, 1993

MEMORANDUM TO: William C. Parler  
General Counsel

James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON RESULTS OF  
2.206 WORKSHOP (SECY-93-258), 10:00 A.M.,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1993, COMMISSIONERS'  
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the Office of the General Counsel and the NRC staff on the results of the recent workshop concerning review of the citizen petition process provided in 10 CFR 2.206.

In evaluating the public comments and formulating a recommended course of action, the Commission requested:

- 1) an outline of the staff review process for handling 2.206 petitions and an indication as to how procedures have been recently changed so that a comparison may be made with the past situation to determine whether these recent changes may already satisfy workshop suggestions;
- 2) consideration of the issue of handling requests from the public as 2.206 petitions even though such handling is not requested by the originator;
- 3) a quantitative compilation of previous petitions which:
  - a) resulted in regulatory action which achieved, in whole or in part, the petitioners objectives,
  - b) did not explicitly refer to 2.206 but which nevertheless were treated as a petition pursuant to 2.206,
  - c) raised safety issues not previously known to the staff or generic or multi-facility issues,

- d) submitted new information on already known safety issues;
- 4) consideration of (a) criteria to guide future reviews, (b) possible informal meetings with petitioners and other parties involved, and (c) how safety issues raised by the petition may be addressed first and then followed by a determination as to whether further action is necessary;
- 5) an analysis of the resource implications of various alternatives; and
- 6) that the revised guidance for NRR reviews be shared with other offices in reviewing petitions.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 11/18/93)

cc: The Chairman  
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