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MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary \s\

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABORATORIES (PNL) STUDY OF  
DECOMMISSIONING COSTS, 8:30 A.M., THURSDAY,  
JUNE 24, 1993, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE  
ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE,  
MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission\* was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of the PNL study to update the estimates of decommissioning costs.

When the NUREG is published for comment, the staff should include a discussion of the variety of assumptions concerning the availability and cost of low-level radioactive waste (LLW) disposal and how the costs vary based on current LLW disposal variables. The staff should, in publishing the draft NUREG for comment make it clear that the draft is a first step in developing a more general parametric approach to decommissioning costs and should solicit comment on this parametric approach.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 9/24/93)

As the staff reviews the PNL reports, they should evaluate and determine the total decommissioning costs based on returning a site to "green field" conditions and then determine what portion of those costs are appropriate for the NRC to require licensees to build up in their decommissioning funds. Further consideration should include whether these funds should include management and storage of spent fuel and whether the period for accumulating these funds should be less than forty years. The staff should explore ways to better communicate to the public the total costs for decontamination and decommissioning, and the portion thereof that is required for radiological cleanup, (i.e., that portion for which NRC requires assurance of funding).

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 3/25/94)

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\* Commissioner Rogers was on leave and did not attend this briefing.

The Commission is interested in a comparison and reconciliation of available utility estimates of the decommissioning costs at Trojan with the estimates contained in the draft NUREG.

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(SECY Suspense: 10/8/93)

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