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March 31, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION/DISCUSSION
AND VOTE, 11:00 A.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1993,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

I. SECY-93-021 - Amendments to 10 CFR Parts 50 and 52 on
Training and Qualification of Nuclear Power Plant Personnel

The Commission, by a 5-0 vote, approved a final rule which requires each applicant for and each holder of a license to operate a nuclear power plant to establish, implement, and maintain a training program for nuclear power plant personnel based on a systems approach to training. This action is being taken to meet the directives of Section 306 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

The Federal Register Notice should be revised as noted on the enclosed pages, reviewed by the Regulatory Publications Branch, ADM, and returned for signature.

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(SECY Suspense: 4/26/93)

Commissioner Rogers stated that:

"I believe it will be difficult to judge the effectiveness of the systems approach to training (SAT) process by only looking at poor plants. There will be no benchmarks from good performing plants to permit accurate measures of a poor performance. For example, review of licensed operator training will not necessarily provide a picture of the effectiveness of training for the radiological protection technician, which is not administered and tested in the same manner as for licensed operators. Furthermore, the staff has said (page 2 of SECY-92-432) that it will use the licensed operator requalification inspection procedure to primarily assess implementation only of the fourth element

of the SAT (i.e., trainee evaluation). This will not provide an adequate evaluation of the complete SAT process. With reactive inspections the staff will identify only the problems with training and not get a true picture of the status of SAT implementation for the industry as a whole. It will be difficult to objectively revise and update the NRC inspection guidance and procedures for training programs, if the staff does not have an accurate measure of where the industry is.

"Therefore, I believe that the staff should perform random proactive inspections of the training programs in each region each year. This will ensure that the staff has a more extensive picture of the industry training programs as well as providing licensees an incentive to continually improve their programs. The staff should decide just how many inspections of this nature should be done, but we understand that the number would be on the order of two annual inspections per region."

II. SECY-93-056 - Petition for Late Intervention in the Comanche Peak Unit 2 Operating License Proceeding

The Commission, by a 5-0 vote, approved an order responding to a request by the Citizens for Fair Utility Regulation (CFUR) for late intervention in the operating license proceeding for Comanche Peak, Unit 2. The order denied the request for late intervention.

(Subsequently, on March 9, 1993, the Secretary signed the Order.)

Attachments:
As stated

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
Commissioner de Planque
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