

July 21, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: SECY-93-167 - REGULATORY ANALYSIS GUIDELINES  
OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved publication of a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability for public comment of the proposed "Regulatory Analysis Guidelines of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission". The Commission requested the following actions be taken with respect to the Guidelines document prior to making it available for public comment:

1. The attached edits are to be made;
2. The reference to a "large release definition" as an open item should be deleted;
3. Additional clarification of the staff's use of net values as opposed to impact/value ratios should be included. The staff should include this as one of the FRN issues identified for comment during the public comment period and reference the ACRS comment in the 11/2/92 letter.
4. The reference on p. 4.9 to acceptable methods for estimating values and impacts should be clarified to remove an implication that a "median" estimate is not a "point" estimate. A similar clarification should be made on p. 5.13 of the Regulatory Analysis Technical Evaluation Handbook (Enclosure 7 of SECY 93-167).

The Commission also requested that Chapter 3 of the Handbook be revised to reinforce its linkage to sections of Chapter 5 where detailed guidance is provided concerning the safety goal

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evaluation. Additionally, the Handbook should be revised to include, as an appendix, the pertinent parts of the safety goal policy statement (i.e., qualitative goals, quantitative objectives) and the backfit rule. The proposed public announcement (Enclosure 6 of SECY 93-167), when issued, should include an appropriate reference to the Federal Register notice and the closing date for the comment period.

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(SECY Suspense: 8/23/93)

Attachment:  
As stated

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