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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

Dr. Barry A. Siegel, Chairman  
Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of  
Isotopes

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC MEETING WITH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL USES OF  
ISOTOPES, 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1992,  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE  
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO  
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) on several issues which have recently been or are currently under review by the committee.

The ACMUI expressed some concerns about its ability to provide timely and effective guidance to the NRC because of questions that are not, in their view, clearly formulated and background material which is often deficient in content and not provided with an appropriate lead time for meaningful review. The staff should evaluate these concerns and inform the Commission of appropriate corrective actions.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 12/11/92)

The ACMUI indicated that it could improve communication with the Commission if it was consulted in the process at a point when a problem or policy is first being analyzed and not after decisions have already been made or are at the point of final rulemaking. The staff should ensure that the Committee is brought into the policy or rule decision-making process sufficiently early to permit meaningful input.

The Commission requested that the ACMUI consider the following specific items and provide feedback to the Commission:

1. Review the size and representation on the ACMUI to determine whether it is adequate and appropriate to carry out its mission and to conduct the business which is assigned to it.

2. The Commission continues to be interested in ACMUI views. The Committee should summarize their meetings and provide consensus opinions of the Committee as well as any dissenting opinions to the staff and the Commission. The Committee should work with the staff to evaluate their resources and advise the Commission if changes are required in the resources currently allocated for ACMUI support.
  
3. Commissioners Rogers and Remick request ACMUI views on whether there would be value in a national study of the impact of regulation by agencies having a regulatory interest in nuclear medicine. Views should also be provided on how such a study might be approached so that the Commission could encourage the appropriate agency or professional society to pursue such a study.

(ACMUI) (SECY Suspense: 11/27/92)

Additionally, the Commission expressed a desire to have periodic meetings with the ACMUI. The Commission suggests that yearly meetings might be an appropriate frequency but seeks ACMUI input.

(ACMUI) (SECY Suspense: 11/27/92)

cc: The Chairman  
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