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November 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF
ADVANCED REACTOR PROGRAMS, 1:30 P.M.,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1991, 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 advanced reactor programs.

The Commission noted the importance of ensuring that the vendors are aware of the staff's review schedule and that late submissions may seriously impact the staff's ability to conduct parallel reviews within the planned time frames.

The staff should plan to provide a briefing for appropriate Congressional committees and their staffs concerning the schedules, resource commitments, progress made and issues to be addressed in the advanced reactor program. March or April should be the optimal time frame for such a briefing.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 3/13/92)

Commissioner Curtiss requested:

- a. a status check on whether agreement had been reached between the staff and Combustion Engineering on the cutoff level on probability for external events;
- b. the staff to include in its periodic updates on the advanced reactor program a discussion of issues concerning maintenance, maintainability, the use of PRAs and the reliability assurance program; and
- c. a brief status report on the ability of the staff to handle under current regulations a COL application in the event one were submitted by a consortium.

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(SECY Suspense: 12/12/91)

Commissioner Remick requested further information when available on the independent analytical audits the staff plans to conduct either in-house or at one of the national laboratories.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 1/15/92)

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
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