

May 29, 1991

IN RESPONSE, PLEASE
REFER TO: M910506

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON MAINTENANCE
RULE (SECY-91-110), 9:00 A.M., MONDAY, MAY 6,
1991, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE
WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN
TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the proposed Maintenance policy statement and rulemaking options.

Chairman Carr requested further information on why the maintenance escalation factors were not employed in the Severity Level III violations found during the Maintenance Team Inspections.

The staff agreed to provide an explanation to Commissioners Rogers and Curtiss on why the trend of one Performance Indicator, Safety System Actuations, has increased significantly over the past two years despite overall favorable trends in maintenance effectiveness.

In a February 22, 1991, letter to the NRC, NUMARC states that "In addition to already existing performance objectives and criteria in INPO 90-008 that address risk significance, INPO is adding the performance objective and criteria for 'Conduct of Operations' to the standard. This performance objective currently is contained in INPO 90-015, Performance Objectives and Criteria for Operating and Near-term Operating License Plants." Commissioner Curtiss requests a listing of all performance objectives and criteria from both documents which address risk significance together with an assessment of the adequacy of these objectives in addressing the need for integration of risk significance into the maintenance process.

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
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