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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON REACTOR OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM (SECY-91-034), 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1991, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the Reactor Operator Requalification Program.

The staff agreed to provide the Commission with additional information on the types of questions asked during the station simulator exam.

Chairman Carr suggested that the staff consider administering the crew examination first and use it to identify individual weaknesses which could be looked at further in individual exams.

Chairman Carr requested the staff to provide the number of people who failed the requalification exams twice.

Commissioner Rogers emphasized the importance of stability in the requalification examination process.

Commissioner Curtiss requested the staff to verify that NRC guidelines for simulator crew makeup are being uniformly implemented in all regions. The staff should advise the Commission if these guidelines preclude licensees from using their normal complement of shift operators and STA's during requalification exams.

Commissioner Curtiss requested the staff to describe the controls that have been established to limit the scope of questioning during examinations to the core knowledge needed for safe operator performance.

Commissioner Remick requested that the staff provide a break-out of the pass/fail rate of RO's and SRO's.

The Commission requested that the staff continue to provide the Commission with semi-annual reports on the status of the requalification program until the staff is satisfied with the stability of the program.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 9/1/91)

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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