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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON
UNCERTAINTIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE EPA HLW
STANDARDS (SECY-91-242), 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY,
AUGUST 16, 1991, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE
ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE,
MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the uncertainties in implementing the EPA HLW standards. An appendix to SECY-91-242 gave the staff's views on many of the major features of EPA's standards, including the implications for implementing the standards in a licensing review. The Commission urged the staff to consider the effect of alternatives to those features and what difference the alternatives would make. The staff should continue to pursue alternative approaches since this will be an ongoing issue well into the future. The Commission has scheduled a related briefing on high-level waste disposal standards in October, which should include the NRC staff comments on EPA's working draft #3.

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