

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

April 16, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC BRIEFING ON
STATUS OF ACTIVITIES WITH THE CENTER FOR
NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSES, 10:00
A.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1990, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the status of activities of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA). The Commission was given an update by Mr. J. Latz and Mr. W. Patrick, CNWRA, concerning specific research and technical assistance projects being conducted by the Center.

The commission:

1. Commended the Center and NRC staff for the extra efforts that were involved in the start-up of Center activity;
2. Encouraged continued emphasis on staff development both at the Center and the NRC;
3. Encouraged the staff to move forward as quickly as possible to recommend priorities and the means of reducing regulatory uncertainties that have been identified by the Center so that the results can be factored as early as possible into the development of rulemaking and guidance; and
4. Noted the staff intends to provide the commission with an update of SECY-88-285 (Regulatory Strategy and Schedules for the High-Level Waste Repository Program) in early May 1990.

Commissioner Remick commended the staff and the Center for a thorough systematic analysis of 10 CFR Part 60. He encouraged the staff to consider having a qualified independent body prepare a systematic analysis of requirements for the licensing of other facilities, such as an enrichment facility.

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
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