

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

May 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COLLEGIAL DISCUSSION  
OF ITEMS OF COMMISSIONER INTEREST, 8:30  
A.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1990, COMMISSIONERS'  
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The commission met to discuss collegially topics of individual commissioner interest.

1. White Flint Elevators

Chairman Carr requested a recheck of the programming to avoid unnecessary duplication of stops.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 30 days)

2. Design Certification Reviews

The commission discussed priorities for assigning resources for design reviews and noted that the staff was scheduled to brief the Commission on evolutionary LWR certification issues on April 27, 1990. Commissioner Remick expressed concern about the current allocation of resources and suggested a review of the staff's capability for conducting thorough licensing reviews in the future. Chairman Carr noted that the staff had performed a licensing resource review at the request of former Chairman Zech.

The Commission requested:

- a) an early report from the staff on whether Part 52 is sufficiently clear on defining what constitutes an essentially complete design;

b) recommendations from the staff on how to approach inspections, tests, and analyses for new designs; and

C) a report on how the staff views the licensing review basis document.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 6/30/90)

### 3. Principles of Good Regulation

All commissioners favored incorporation of Commissioner Rogers' proposed statement of the principles of good regulation (COMKR-90-001) into the mission and regulatory philosophy section of the Five Year Plan'. Chairman Carr suggested minor revisions.

(Subsequently, the Secretary advised the EDO of the Commission's action by memorandum dated 4/6/90.)

### 4. NRC-Role in Utility Management-Related Issues

This topic was discussed without final resolution.

Commissioner Curtiss expressed the view that the NRC should inform licensees about what is wrong with their operations but NRC should not be drawn into advising licensees on how to correct their problems, how to manage their operations or who should be managing their activities.

### 5. Commissioner Plant Visits

Commissioner Curtiss suggested consideration of additional coordination among Commissioners' offices of visits by individual Commissioner's to nuclear power plants so that most plants get at least one commissioner visit every year.

(Subsequently, the Secretary forwarded a revised list of projected power plant visits by memorandum dated 4/16/90.)

### 6. Recognition of Good Performance by Nuclear Facility Personnel

Commissioner Remick discussed his proposal (COMFR-90-002) to give appropriate recognition to certain good performers among nuclear facility Personnel. (Commissioners' responses to Commissioner Remick's proposal were reflected in the Secretary's memorandum of 3/29/90 to the EDO.)

### 7. suggested Topics for Next SES Conference

Chairman Carr invited the Commissioners to suggest topics to him for inclusion in the agenda for the next SES conference.

## 8 Commission Meetings

The Commission agreed that the current level of meeting activity appeared appropriate but requested further improvement in the quality of slide presentations (more meaningful slides are needed and the direct reading of slides at meetings should be eliminated.)

Commissioner Remick suggested that consideration be given to increasing the interaction of less senior staff with the Commission at Commission meetings and briefings.

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