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January 16, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON NRC
TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER, 1:30 P.M.,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1991, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the Technical Training Center. The Commission requested consideration of several items and further information as described below.

The Commission encouraged direct incorporation, where appropriate, of the Principles of Good Regulation, as articulated in the Five Year Plan, into the training curriculum. To what extent does the Regulatory Philosophy Refresher Course include the Commission's Principles of Good Regulation?

The Commission expressed a need to strengthen agency training in areas related to effective communication. The ability to communicate should become an integral part of the NRC culture in a manner similar to the current risk-based culture. The staff should integrate communications training into TTC courses and other NRC training courses and advise the Commission on progress in this area.

The Commission requested further information on the projected date to have the new CE simulator in place.

The Commission suggested that course critiques be followed up with a questionnaire to the student's supervisor 3 months after course completion to determine the usefulness of the training received by the student. If an equivalent feedback mechanism is already in place, the staff is requested to provide this information to the Commission.

Chairman Carr requested an update of the status of training

on criticality safety.

Chairman Carr inquired about the formulation of training to support new rules recently adopted by the Commission. Of particular interest is the development of training to support the new 10 CFR Part 20.

Commissioner Remick requested the staff to incorporate information in its training programs on the relationship of risk associated with NRC-regulated activities to other routine activities, and to incorporate information on the Commission's safety goals.

Commissioner Remick requested the staff to provide further information on the non-power reactor inspector qualification program. Specifically, what kind of training is being provided; what new requirements are under consideration; and is it being contracted out and if so please provide information on contractor qualification.

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Commissioner Remick stated that the staff should seek to abide by the same principles of the systems approach to training and the same standards of simulator certification it expects of its licensees, to the extent that these principles and standards apply to the staff's training programs.

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
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