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

April 25, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

William C. Parler
General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON CERTIFICATION OF
RADIOGRAPHERS, 2:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1989,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), the Texas Bureau of Radiation Control (Texas), and the staff on developing an industrial radiographer certification program.

The following speakers briefed the Commission for their respective organizations:

- The American Society for Nondestructive Testing:
 - o Ross Beckely, Chairman of the Board
 - o Bob Doggart, Chairman, Industrial Radiation Safety Task Group
 - o Duke Dewey, Executive Director
- The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors:
 - o Charles Tedford, Chairman
 - o Charles Hardin, Executive Secretary
 - o Ron Wascomb, Member (Louisiana)
- Texas Bureau of Radiation Control:

- o David Lacker, Chief, Bureau of Radiation Control

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The Commission directed the staff to move forward with the following actions as soon as possible:

1. Review the ASNT certification program after formal submittal to the NRC.
2. Prepare for the Chairman's signature a formal response to the ASNT on its proposed certification program.
3. Reexamine the need to implement radiographer certification through two rulemakings and move forward with the most expedient approach to rulemaking based on this analysis.
4. Examine the benefit of requesting hospitals to inform the Commission of any treatment for accidental radiation overexposure as a means for identifying unreported overexposures.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 12/29/89)

Commissioners Roberts and Rogers requested the Office of the General Counsel to provide the Commission a legal analysis if the NRC can, within its present regulations, select, without following the competitive process, one entity to conduct the testing and certification process on a nationwide basis.

(OGC) (SECY Suspense: 9/29/89)

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