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

May 2, 1989

MEMORANDUM: victor Stello, Jr.  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF  
GENERIC ISSUES, 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 25,  
1989, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE  
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO  
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)  
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The Commission\* was briefed by the staff on the status of unresolved safety and generic issues.

The commion requested the staff to):

1. Respond to the commission on issues raised in the ACRS letter dated February 16 and September 14, 1988 (as co in a revision dated February 28, 1989) on "... Generic Issue 99 ..." and "... Unresolved Safety Issue A-45..." it respectively.

(Subsequent to the meetig, the staff, by memorandum from Victor Stello to commissioners, dated May 1, 1989, responded to the Commission's request.)

2. Prepare a commission paper which def for Generic safety Issue 15 the potential\_ safety significance, the affected Parts, the Scope of effort and schedule for resolution, and the current status. Licenses should be informed and involved in the resolution of this generic issue.

(EDO) (SECY SUSpense: 5/31/89)

- 3- Prepare a commission paper with periodic updates on industry\ s implementation of genexic and unresolved safety issues, including implementation schuedules.

(EDO) (SECY Suaspense: 6/29/89)

4. Provide a commission briefing on the progress of resolution of the generic and unresolved safety issues.

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(SECY Suspense: 3/90)

\* Commissioner Carr was not present.

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5. continue to press forward to complete the remaining safety issues while adhering to high technical standards.
6. Ensure timely implementation of the resolutions to generic and unresolved safety issues.

cc: Chainman Zech  
Commissioner Roberts  
Commissioner Carr  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Curtiss  
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(3) The analytic procedure for confirmatory analysis of blood specimens voluntarily provided by individuals testing positive for alcohol on a breath test shall be gas chromatography analysis.

(4) The list of substances to be tested and the cut-off levels are subject to change by the NRC in response to industry experience and changes to the HHS Guidelines made by the Department of Health and Human Services as advances in technology, additional experience, or other considerations warrant the inclusion of additional substances and other concentration levels.

(5) Confirmatory tests for opiates shall include a test for 6-monoacetylmorphine (MAM) if the screening test is presumptive positive for morphine.

(g) "Reporting Results."

(1) The HHS-certified laboratory shall report test results to the licensee's Medical Review Officer within 5 working days after receipt of the specimen by the laboratory. Before any test result is reported (the results of initial tests, confirmatory tests, or quality control data), it shall be reviewed and the test certified as an accurate report by the responsible individual at the laboratory. The report shall identify the substances tested for, whether positive or negative, the cut-off(s) for each, the specimen number assigned by the licensee, and the drug testing laboratory specimen identification number. The results (positive and negative) for all specimens submitted at the same time to the laboratory shall be reported back to the Medical Review Officer at the same time when possible.

(2) The HHS-certified laboratory and any licensee testing facility shall report as negative all specimens, except suspect specimens being analyzed under special processing, which are negative on the initial test or negative on the confirmatory test. Specimens testing positive on the confirmatory analysis shall be reported positive for a specific substance. Presumptive positive results of preliminary testing at the licensee's testing facility will not be reported to licensee management

(3) The Medical Review Officer may routinely obtain from the HHS-certified laboratory, and the laboratory shall provide, quantitation of test results. The Medical Review Officer may only disclose quantitation of test results for an individual to licensee management, if required in an

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appeals process, or to the individual under the provisions of Section 3.2.

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