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

June 23, 1989

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON PROPOSED
RULE ON BASIC QUALITY ASSURANCE IN
RADIATION THERAPY, 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE
13, 1989, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 35 to require a basic quality assurance program and to modify the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for medical users of radioisotopes.

Chairman Zech emphasized the fact that while the Commission recognizes that diagnostic errors in the medical use of radioisotopes are low, the Commission, nevertheless, believes that there exists room for improvements to further reduce errors in the medical use of radioisotopes.

Commissioner Carr recommended that the staff consider:

- a. Retaining the term "misadministration" in the enforcement program, consistent with the graduated level of enforcement action related to the seriousness of the violation.
- b. Placing more emphasis on inspection and less on the review of programmatic issues in the continuing regulatory program for assessing the effectiveness of licensees' medical quality assurance programs.

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

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