

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

February 8, 1989

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON FINAL
REPORT ON BWR MARK I CONTAINMENT ISSUES,
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1989,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on recommendations to improve boiling water reactor MARK-I containment performance under severe (low likelihood and beyond the design basis) accident conditions.

Chairman Zech requested the Secretary to schedule a Commission briefing with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards to discuss its letter of January 19, 1989, in which the ACRS provided recommendations on the staff's program.

(Subsequent to the meeting, the Secretary scheduled a commission briefing by the ACRS on February 27, 1989.)

Commissioner Rogers requested staff to validate information he has received which indicates that analyses conducted by the West Germans concluded that 10-meters of basemat is required to prevent breach of containment during a very-low probability core melt event.

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Commissioner Curtiss requested staff to provide the Commission a copy of NUMARC's analysis on MARK-I containments and on assessment of the differences between assumptions used in the NRC and NUMARC analyses.

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cc: Chairman Zech

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Commissioner Rogers
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