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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC.20555

July 28, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Acting Executive director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON AGENCY
HUMAN FACTORS INITIATIVES, 10:00 A.M.,
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989, COMMISSIONER'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The commission* was briefed by the staff on human factors initiatives at the NRC.

The commission requested the staff to:

1. Review with the ACRS the concerns raised in the ACRS letter dated May 9, 1989, entitled, "NRC's Human Factors program and Initiatives," from Remick to Chairman Zech, NRC's Human Factors Programs.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 10/16/89)
2. Advise the commission if 20 percent of the human factors research budget is the appropriate level of funding to be allocated to base research (for which there is no explicit user need in light of NRC's present needs.
(EDO) (SEY Suspense; 9/15/89)
3. Place the commission on distribution for the NMSS periodic report, "Human Factors Notes."
(EDO) (SEY Suspense: as appropriate)

The commission is concerned that research in the area of organization and management remains appropriately focused and will provide useful tools for NRC to evaluate licensee organization and management issues. While research in this area is tentatively approved, the commission requests the staff

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to provide a briefing on progress to date in about one year.
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 8/1/90)

* Commissioner Roberts was not present.

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The Commission encouraged the staff to continue to expand the human factors initiative in the NMSS area, especially in radiography and the other medical use areas, and continue interacting with industry groups and the professional societies in the field so that we do not "reinvent the wheel" and take advantage of all available data.

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
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