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

November 27, 1989

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COLLEGIAL DISCUSSION
OF ITEMS OF COMMISSION INTEREST, 8:30 A.M.,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1989, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The commission met to discuss collegially topics of individual Commissioners' interest.

The following topics were identified and discussed briefly at this meeting:

- a. Briefing to Commission by Dr. Herbert Kouts on aspects of EPA's high level waste standard

(Subsequent to the meeting, a Commission briefing by NMSS and Dr. Kouts on implementation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's HLW disposal standards was held on November 21, 1989.)

- b. NRC's high level waste budget

(Chairman Carr agreed to discuss with Secretary Watkins, DOE's proposed high level waste program.)

- c. Dissemination of Commissioners' vote sheets

(The commission requested SECY to review distribution of commissioners' vote sheets. This was overtaken by events in COMJC-89-12.)

- d. Staff's interpretations of SRMs

- e. Commission's communication with the technical staff

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f. NRC's regulatory philosophy

(Commissioner Rogers agreed to develop a draft Commission policy statement on this topic.)

g. Staff's presentation at Commission meetings

h. communicating risk to the general public

(Subsequent to the meeting, a Commission briefing by Dr. John Ahearne on risk communication was scheduled for December 19, 1989.)

i. Agency priorities

j. ACRS responsibilities

k. Use of SALP grades

As a result of the collegial discussions, the following staff requirements were assigned:

- chairman Carr recommended that the EDO inform the Commission on staff efforts to improve internal quality assurance/quality control over agency work.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: TBD)

- The commission requested the staff to conduct future Commission briefings within the guidelines provided in Appendix 11 of the Internal Commission Procedures Manual.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: ASAP)

- Staff should evaluate the need for any changes to NRC's HLW program, schedule, and budget following any redirection of the HLW program by the Secretary of Energy. The Commission should be advised of any proposed changes.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: ASAP)

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss

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