

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

June 24, 1988

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON MASTER PLAN  
FOR INTEGRATING ALL SEVERE ACCIDENT ISSUES,  
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1988, COMMIS-  
SIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT  
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the master plan, for  
integrating all severe accident issues.

Chairman Zech made the following request:

1. When recommending to the Commission that a specific requirement be imposed on a licensee, the staff should document its rationale for selecting the course of action as preventive or mitigative.
2. The staff should review and approve the licensee's IPE conclusions.
3. The staff should keep the Commission intimately involved in the IPE and severe accident issues programs.
4. RES should assure that its programs are completed in time to support NRC's review of the IPE submittals.

Commissioners Carr and Rogers suggested that if the staff strongly believes that it is important for licensees to actively participate in all aspects of the IPE program and that such participation will significantly improve public health and safety, the staff should consider making the licensees' active participation part of its proposed IPE generic letter. In addition, Commissioner Carr requested that the Commission paper on the IPE generic letter clearly identify the purpose and

scope of the Accident Management Program.

Commissioner Carr cautioned the staff not to stress operator training on severe accidents at the expense of day-to-day operational training needs. He stressed the need for a rational balance.

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Commissioner Rogers stressed the need for ongoing communications with licensees on research results as they near closure and the importance of quantifying human factors in PRA.

The Commission recognizes that there are unique situations where the staff may identify an improvement that could significantly reduce the risk of a severe accident, but which, in the staff's judgement, may not satisfy all the tests of the backfit rule. The staff is directed to bring these issues to the attention of the Commission. The resolution of these issues then would rest with the Commission, which has the ultimate authority and responsibility to make regulatory policy decisions.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Commission, with all Commissioners agreeing, requested the EDO to establish a Senior Severe Accident Review Group to review the bases or criteria for decision-making in severe accidents and related programs and to assure consistency in policy issues between programs. The EDO should designate a chairperson for this group who should report progress periodically to the Commission.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 7/29/88)

An initial activity for the review group should be the development of a PERT chart or other scheduler device for demonstrating schedules and interaction between programs.

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(SECY Suspense: 11/1/88)

cc: Chairman Zech  
Commissioner Roberts  
Commissioner Carr  
Commissioner Rogers  
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