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UNITED STATES

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

August 19, 1988

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON INDIVIDUAL  
PLANT EXAMINATIONS GENERAL LETTER, 2:00 P.M.,  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1988, COMMISSIONERS' CON-  
FERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE)

The commission was briefed by the staff on its proposed generic letter to all commercial reactor licensees requesting plant examination for severe accident outliers.

The Commission requested and the staff committed to submit a paper outlining the scope and schedule for developing the severe accident program.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 9/30/88)

The Commission also requested the staff to work with NUMARC to develop strategies for coping with severe accidents.

Chairman Zech cautioned the staff to give appropriate priority and balance to preventive and mitigative measures to regulatory decisions. He also encouraged the staff to continue to closely work with the ACRS in the area of external event evaluations.

commissioner Carr made the following comments:

1. He emphasized the importance for the staff to quickly provide industry guidance on assessing external events and thereby minimize any adverse impact on the licensees'

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effort to comply with the requirements of the generic letter.

2. He suggested that the staff clarify Appendix 2 to indicate that assessment of plant operational management will not be a major factor in the decision on the adequacy of IPE results.

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3. He requested that the generic letter clarify that the comprehensive accident management program will be an outcome of the IPE and not a concurrent and separate program.

cc: Chairman Zech  
Commissioner Roberts  
commissioner Carr  
commissioner Rogers  
OGC  
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PDR - Advance  
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