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July 22, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Dade W. Moeller, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /S/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - INITIAL BRIEFING BY THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE, 10:00 AM,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1988, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission* was briefed by the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste on prioritization of issues and administrative matters.

The Commission made the following requests:

1. The first item of business for the Committee should be to meet with the staff and develop procedures for getting timely closure of issues. To the extent that conservatism can bound the uncertainties of an issue and can be practicably accommodated, the issue should be closed.

(ACNW)

(SECY Suspense: 10/88)

2. Review the staff's tentative U.S. position on "below regulatory concern," prior to the meeting with the Commission on this subject. Provide comments to the Commission on the staff's proposed tentative position and discuss how differences were resolved. The Commission's intention is to work toward a consensus U.S. position for discussion at the October international meeting on the subject.

(ACNW)

(SECY Suspense: 9/88)

3. Work with IGC to develop a legislative package for making the ACNW a statutory committee.

(OGC/ACNW)

(SECY Suspense: 12/88)

4. The Committee should assess the adequacy of NRC resources to regulate nuclear waste and materials.

(ACNW)

(SECY Suspense: 6/89)

5. The Committee should make every effort to communicate with staff on an ongoing basis of priority issues, reviewing issues at an early stage and in a timely fashion so that the Commission is advised of any concerns as early as possible.
6. A mechanism should be established for communication with the Commissions' assistants to provide timely feedback to the Commission on the Committee's activities and relative priority of issues. Such information is valuable to the Commission at an early date of a process so that its input can be effective.
7. During the coming year, the Committee should meet with the Commission at frequency intervals, e.g., every 3-4 months.

(ACNW)

(SECY Suspense: TBD)

8. The Committee's highest priority activity should be the review and oversight of NRC's licensing activities of DOE's high level waste repository. Other near term priorities of the Commission were communicated to the Committee in a letter of June 27, 1988. The Committee should also raise other issues which should come to the Commission's attention.

The Commission should advise the Commission if it finds itself overburdened with issues under its charter.

9. Whenever differences of opinion, both sides of the problem should be presented to the Commission.

cc: Chairman Zech
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