

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

February 11, 1988

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON REGULATION OF
TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOISOTOPES AND RESULTS OF
THE MODAL STUDY, 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY
21, 1988, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C.
OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the status of regulations of radioisotope transportation, the results of the modal study, and recent Congressional action which could impact the transportation program at NRC.

The Commission encouraged the staff to publish results of NRC activities in technical journals and to present its results in a form conducive for public education. The Commission cited the modal study's, "Transporting Spent Fuel," as an excellent example.

Chairman Zech requested the staff to place priority on being aware of all transportation accidents. In the event of a significant accident, the staff should be on site and take a leadership role, if appropriate, until relieved of its responsibility. The staff should continue its close association with the states, DOT, DOE and the public.

Commissioner Carr encouraged the staff to continuously monitor all transportation events for lessons learned.

Commissioner Bernthal encouraged continued documentation of authorship of NRC documents.

The General Counsel stated that he is reviewing the recently enacted legislative requirements on air transportation of

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plutonium for imposed requirements on the NRC.

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(Subsequently on February 10, 1988, the General Counsel provided the information to the Commission.)

cc: Chairman Zech
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