

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

May 20, 1988

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

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON NATURALLY
OCCURRING AND ACCELERATOR PRODUCED RADIOACTIVE
MATERIALS (NARM), 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 5,
1988, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE
WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN
TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission* was briefed by the staff, the Committee on Interagency Radiation Research and Policy Coordination (CIRRPC), and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) on the staff's review and recommendations relating to naturally-occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive materials.

Representing the Committee on Interagency Radiation Research and Policy Coordination (CIRRPC) was Chairman A. Young.

Representing the Conference on Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) were:

- T.R. Strong, Chairman of CRCPD and
Director of the Office of Radiation Protection
State of Washington
- Charles M. Hardin, Executive Secretary of CRCPD
- William P. Dornsife
Chairman of CRCPD Ad Hoc Group on NARM and
Chief of Division of Nuclear Safety
Bureau of Radiation Protection
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

* Commissioner Roberts was not present.

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The Commission requested and the staff committed to revise its recommendations to CIRRPC by redefining the scope of review (e.g., not including the general subject of ionizing radiation) and defining the issues to be addressed in the recommendations expected from CIRRPC (e.g., any recommendations for legislative action, identifying agency responsibilities over all or some subset of NARM, etc.).

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(SECY Suspense: 6/24/88)

The Commission requested and the General Counsel committed to provide an analysis of the legal situation if EPA under its authority, such as TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act), directs that NARM material be disposed of in low-level burial grounds, whether in an Agreement State or in a non-Agreement State.

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Commissioner Bernthal urged the staff to consider options for regulating only selected NARM materials.

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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