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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
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FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director *DR*
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SUBJECT: OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS
HIGHLIGHTS FOR NEW CONGRESS

Attached for your information are highlights of the new 103rd Congress from the Office of Congressional Affairs for Wednesday, February 3, 1993.

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HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1993

- NRC's House Appropriations (Bevill) hearing is scheduled for April 21, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.
- Sam Fowler, Majority, Senate Energy Committee; Dan Berkovitz, Majority, Senate Environment Committee; and Karen Field, Minority, Senate Environment Committee, attended International Programs' Experts Meeting on NRC Strategies for Nuclear Safety Assistance to East Europe and the former Soviet Union on Monday, 2/1/93. They all found the meeting to be very informative and appreciated the invitation to come to the meeting.
- The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Senator John Glenn (D-OH), has scheduled a hearing on the disposal of plutonium in the former Soviet Union for March 9, 1993, at 9:30 a.m. The NRC is not expected to testify. OCA will attend the hearing.
- Peter Crane's meeting with Bob Alvarez (Senate Governmental Affairs-Glenn) and Dave Berick (House Government Operations-Synar) has been rescheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, 2/4/93.
- There is continued Congressional interest in Palisades' ventilated storage cask system and the NRC meeting with Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley. Calls for information have been received from the offices of Senator Levin (D-MI), and Reps. Upton (R-MI) and Hoekstra (R-MI).
- Both the House and Senate are scheduled to consider the Family and Medical Leave Act on 2/3/93. This Act would provide federal employees with up to 12 weeks of job-protected unpaid leave in order to care for a newborn or adopted child; to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, or parent; or, due to the serious health condition of the employee. President Clinton supports the legislation, twice vetoed by President Bush.

- Sue Sheridan, Majority Counsel to the House Energy and Power Subcommittee (Sharp), Energy and Commerce Committee, will speak at the OGC seminar on February 23 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 2-F-17/19.
- The Clinton budget details are scheduled to be submitted to the Hill on March 23, 1993.
- The confirmation hearing on the nomination of R. James Woolsey, Jr. to be Director of the CIA was held on February 2, 1993.
- John O'Donnell, formerly with the staff of the House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, Interior Committee, has accepted a position as Executive Director of the New York City Public Library.
- Congressional staff interest in tonight's public meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts, regarding level indicators, is light. While some local staff may be present, they plan no statements on behalf of their members even if they attend.
- NRC staff will meet with the staff of Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR) on 2/5/93 to discuss decommissioning of Trojan.
- NRC staff will brief Rep. Wayne Gilchrist (R-MD) on decommissioning efforts at the Curtis Bay Maryland SDMP site on 2/17/93.
- Senator Paul Sarbanes' staff would like a briefing on the Curtis Bay site. We are in the process of scheduling this briefing.