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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTION FROM THE COMMISSION:
 DIRECT FINAL RULE

By a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) dated January 22, 1999, the Commission has approved for publication a direct final rule to amend 10 CFR Part 50.54, "Conditions of License." This amendment will permit power reactor facility licensees to make changes to their quality assurance programs, in six specific areas, without prior NRC review or approval.

Please implement the Commission's directive by arranging for the publication of the attached direct final rule and companion proposed rule in the *Federal Register*.

Also attached is a copy of the Regulatory Analysis to be forwarded to the NRC Public Document Room, a Congressional letter package to be forwarded to the Office of Congressional Affairs, and a press release to be forwarded to the Office of Public Affairs.

Also attached is a redline/strikeout version of the direct final rule indicating the text that differs from that in SECY 98-279. This should also be transmitted to the Office of the Secretary.

Attachments:

1. Direct Final Rule +3 copies
2. Companion Proposed Rule +3 copies
3. Regulatory Analysis
4. Congressional Letter Package
5. Press Release
6. Staff Requirements Memorandum
7. Redline/Strikeout Version

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