

MEMORANDUM TO William D. Travers
 Executive Director for Operations

FROM Annette West-Cook Secretary

SUBJECT STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON PART 50
 DECOMMISSIONING ISSUES (CONF. ONLY) WEDNESDAY,
 MARCH 17, 1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
 ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN
 TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and Nuclear Energy Institute on Part 50 Decommissioning Issues.

The Commission requested a coordinated report from the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards on decommissioning activities. This unified report should be provided on an annual basis and will replace the separate reports on decommissioning activities that have previously been provided to the Commission by the separate offices.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 1/21/00)

In addition, the staff should consider a risk-informed decommissioning rule versus individual rulemakings to address financial protection requirements, emergency preparedness, safeguards, etc. for plants that are being decommissioned.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 6/18/99)

The staff also indicated they would get back to the Commission on whether the Standard Review Plan that sets out the process and criteria for review of decommissioning financial assurance reports includes trigger levels that the staff will use to determine whether additional financial assurance or other actions are necessary.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 4/16/99)
 (4/30/99)

cc: Chairman Jackson

Basis for Date Changes

- item 1 The new, unified decommissioning report will not be provided until January 2000 so that the staff will have about 9 months of experience with the new risk-informed approach to decommissioning and NRR will also have the same level of experience with its new decommissioning organization under its new management.
- item 2 Regarding the new risk-informed approach to decommissioning, the staff will not finish its initial 2 month look at the issues and be able to provide the Commission with its plans and schedules until June 18, 1999.
- item 3 A short extension until April 30, 1999 will be needed to provide this response to the Commission.

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