

August 30, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-01-0131 - RULEMAKING
PLAN: REVISION OF APPENDIX E, SECTION IV.F.2, TO 10
CFR PART 50, CONCERNING CLARIFICATION OF
EMERGENCY PREPARATION EXERCISE PARTICIPATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR CO-LOCATED LICENSEES

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to proceed to rulemaking, under Option 2, to address the ambiguity in the regulations associated with emergency planning requirements for licensees co-located at the same site. This rulemaking effort should be combined with the anticipated Part 50, Appendix E rulemaking effort associated with the FEMA Strategic Review Steering Committee initiative. The staff should provide the Commission with a rulemaking plan that encompasses both initiatives and a revised resource estimate for the rulemaking effort.

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The Commission will consider the FEMA initiative-related aspects of the rulemaking on its own merits and should the Commission disapprove the FEMA initiative-related rule changes, additional guidance regarding decoupling these rulemaking efforts will be provided. Should the circumstances surrounding the rulemaking effort associated with the FEMA Strategic Review Steering Committee initiative significantly change, the staff should promptly notify the Commission.

In developing emergency preparedness interface guidance for co-located licensees, the staff should consider whether similar guidance for all power reactor licensees would be appropriate. To the extent practical, the new guidance should have broad applicability and help power reactor licensees ensure that adequate emergency response capabilities (such as the coordination of command and control among the control room, technical support center, and the emergency operations facility) are maintained during the interval between biennial exercises.

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