

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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MEMORANDUM TO:

L. Joseph Callan

Executive Director for Operations

FROM:

John C. Hoyle, Secretary

SUBJECT:

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-155 - STAFF'S ACTION REGARDING EXEMPTIONS FROM 10 CFR 70.24

FOR COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The Commission has approved the staff's proposed actions for processing 10 CFR 70.24 exemptions and for addressing facilities which do not meet the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 but which have not yet requested an exemption. The Commission has approved the staff's proposed actions for processing previous enforcement actions.

The Commission has also approved rulemaking to alleviate the 10 CFR 70.24 exemption problem. The staff should proceed with direct final rulemaking on this matter and inform the Commission of the milestones and completion dates for this rulemaking.

(EDES (RES) (SECY Suspense: 9/28/97)

(9/19/97) 9700237
The staff should issue appropriate generic communications regarding compliance and enforcement for the interim period until

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the rule can be appropriately corrected.

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cc: Chairman Jackson

Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz

Commissioner McGaffigan

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SECY NOTE:

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