November 26, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-02-0191 - STATUS OF THE ENTOMBMENT OPTION FOR POWER REACTORS

This is to advise you that the Commission does not object to the staff proposal to defer rulemaking to permit entombment as an option for power reactors until completion of the research studies on entombment viability issues.

The staff should provide a plan for completion of the RES projects that the staff considers prerequisites to the resumption of rulemaking including specific tasks in the SOW, milestones and the schedule for completion of the research, and costs ($ and FTEs).

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