

## **UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 21, 2003

**MEMORANDUM TO:** 

William D. Travers

**Executive Director for Operations** 

FROM:

Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

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SUBJECT:

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-03-0025 - UTAH

**ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER PROTECTION STANDARDS:** PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS PROVISION IN SECTION 2740 OF THE ATOMIC

**ENERGY ACT OF 1954, AS AMENDED** 

The Commission has approved the staff's interpretation of what is meant by an "alternative standard" in Section 274o of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the staff's proposal for processing the State of Utah's request to use alternative standards, and the staff's initial determination that Utah's proposed alternative standards for groundwater protection standards are equivalent or more stringent that those in the NRC's regulations for the same purpose.

CC:

Chairman Diaz

**Commissioner Dicus** 

Commissioner McGaffigan **Commissioner Merrifield** 

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