

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

September 3, 1981

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, OPE

FROM:

John Ahearne

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF REPROCESSING IN THE WASTE CONFIDENCE

PROCEEDING

In February I asked your predecessor what would be necessary for the proceeding to consider reprocessed waste (Attachment 1). He replied on March 10 that such a consideration was neither necessary or desirable (Attachment 2). A basic part of his argument was that President Reagan had not yet changed the policy of the previous Administration.

Given the changes that have now been made (for a clear statement, see the first six pages from the July 9 testimony by the Deputy Secretary of Energy, Attachment 3), I would appreciate your reexamining the March 10th response.

Attachments

cc: Chairman Palladino

Commissioner Gilinsky Commissioner Bradford Commissioner Roberts

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