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MEMORANDUM TO: Malcolm R. Knapp, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: Edward L. Halman, Director
Office of Administration *Ed Halman*

SUBJECT: OFFICE REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE ON PROPOSED
RULE, "REVISION OF DOSE LIMIT FOR MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC EXPOSED TO HOSPITALIZED
RADIATION PATIENTS" (10 CFR PARTS 20 AND 35)

The Office of Administration has reviewed and concurs, subject to our markup, on the proposed rule package that amends the Commission's regulations to authorize specified visitors of hospitalized radiation therapy patients, as members of the public, to receive up to 0.5 rem (5 mSv) per year. We have attached a marked copy of the rulemaking package that presents our comments.

We have drafted a regulatory flexibility certification that is to be inserted into the preamble to the proposed rule as section IX. This section certifies that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities--in this rule, small medical licensees.

When this notice is forwarded for signature and publication, please have a member of your staff include a 3.5-inch diskette that contains a copy of the notice in WordPerfect as part of the transmittal package. The diskette will be forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register and the Government Printing Office for their use in typesetting the notice.

To assist you in preparing the list of documents centrally relevant to this proposed rule that is required by NRC's regulatory history procedures, you should place the designator "AF91-1" in the upper right-hand corner of each document concerning the rule that you forward to the Nuclear Documents System.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please have a member of your staff contact Betty K. Golden, 415-6863 (e-mail: BKG2) or David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, 415-7162 (e-mail: DLM1).

Attachments: As stated