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MEMORANDUM FOR CERTAIN PERSONS
COMMISSIONER GRAMM
COMMISSIONER WILSON
COMMISSIONER BLOCH
COMMISSIONER HARVEY

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGIS REPORTS ON HALLAM
AND PEACH BOTTOM

Attached for your information is a public announcement concerning the reports of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Safeguards on the Hallam and Peach Bottom reactor projects.

The announcement has the approval of the Director of Regulation. We plan to issue it at 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 7. The Joint Committee will be informed in advance.

(signed) Philippe G. Jacques
for

Thomas Clark, Director
Division of Public Information

Attachment

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AEC SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 18
ON PROPOSED PEACH BOTTOM REACTOR

The Atomic Energy Commission has scheduled a public hearing December 18 to consider the issuance of a construction permit to the Philadelphia Electric Company for a nuclear power reactor at Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania, approximately 63 miles southwest of Philadelphia and 38 miles northeast of Baltimore. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of AEC Headquarters at Germantown, Maryland.

Philadelphia Electric Company and 51 associated utilities propose an advanced high-temperature gas-cooled power reactor at the Peach Bottom site. The reactor will have a design capacity of 40,000 electrical kilowatts.

In its November 1 report on the Peach Bottom reactor, the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards concluded "...Since the continuing research program gives reasonable assurance that all health and safety problems can be satisfactorily resolved, the ACRS believes that the proposed reactor can be constructed at the Peach Bottom site with reasonable assurance that it can be operated without undue risk to the health and safety of the public."

A copy of the Commission's "Notice of Hearing" is attached.