



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: SECY-93-323 - WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED
RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND
CRITERIA FOR ON-SITE STORAGE OF LOW-LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1996

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) has approved the staff proposal to withdraw the subject proposed rulemaking. The staff should provide clear indication in the withdrawal notice that the Commission continues to favor disposal of low-level radioactive waste over storage and that withdrawal of this proposed rulemaking in no way alters that position. The Commission expects low-level waste disposal sites to be sited and developed in a timely manner and that the major stakeholders, including waste generators and states, will continue to take all reasonable steps to assure that low-level radioactive disposal capacity is available in the near future. The staff should proceed with the changes to NRC guidance on storage identified in SECY-93-323.

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(SECY Suspend: 5/4/94)

Should the staff identify specific hazards or technical considerations that need to be addressed, the staff should develop any new requirements with a systems approach in mind.

Prior to publication, the proposed withdrawal notice should be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

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(SECY Suspend: 3/4/94)

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Remick
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