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PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North  
Rockville, Maryland

Thursday, December 13, 1990

The Commission met in open session,  
pursuant to notice, at 10:11 a.m., Kenneth M. Carr,  
Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

KENNETH M. CARR, Chairman of the Commission  
KENNETH C. ROGERS, Commissioner  
JAMES R. CURTISS, Commissioner  
FORREST J. REMICK, Commissioner

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STAFF SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

SAMUEL J. CHILK, Secretary

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P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

10:11 a.m.

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3 CHAIRMAN CARR: Good morning, ladies and  
4 gentlemen.

5 We have one item for affirmation this  
6 morning, final revisions to NRC's Radiation Protection  
7 Standards in 10 CFR Part 20.

8 Before we consider affirmation of the  
9 final revisions to Part 20, I'd like to take this  
10 opportunity to publicly thank the dedicated NRC  
11 employees who have contributed to this important  
12 effort. I commend the men and women of the NRC who  
13 worked on the revisions to Part 20 for a job well  
14 done. From the rule writers to support staff, all  
15 have contributed in a vital way to successfully  
16 completing these much needed revisions to Part 20.

17 Although it has taken longer than expected  
18 to complete Part 20, the NRC staff has remained  
19 committed to completing this comprehensive overhaul  
20 of the Commission's radiation protection standards.  
21 Once affirmation is complete, we will move into the  
22 implementation phase for the new Part 20 which also  
23 promises formidable challenges for the Agency in terms  
24 of communication, training, and guidance development.  
25 Based on the outstanding calibre and dedication of the

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1 staff already demonstrated in the development of the  
2 revised rule, I am confident that the Agency will be  
3 successful in this important endeavor.

4 Before I ask the Secretary to lead us  
5 through the item for affirmation, do any of my fellow  
6 Commissioners have any comments they would like to  
7 make?

8 COMMISSIONER CURTISS: I would just second  
9 all the comments, Ken, that you made. Good work by  
10 the staff.

11 CHAIRMAN CARR: If not, Mr. Secretary,  
12 please proceed.

13 SECRETARY CHILK: As you've indicated, Mr.  
14 Chairman, the subject is SECY-90-387. It is a final  
15 rule, a revision of 10 CFR Part 20. The Commission  
16 here is being asked to approve for publication in the  
17 Federal Register the Revised 10 CFR Part 20 on  
18 Standards for Protection Against Radiation. The rule  
19 will become effective 30 days after publication.  
20 Licensees may, however, defer implementation of this  
21 rule until January 1, 1993.

22 This rulemaking is necessary to  
23 incorporate updated scientific information and to  
24 reflect changes in the basic philosophy of radiation  
25 protection. The revision conforms to the Commission's

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1 regulations, to the Presidential Radiation Protection  
2 Guidance to the Federal Agencies for Occupational  
3 Exposure, and to recommendations of national and  
4 international radiation protection organizations.

5 All Commissioners have approved the  
6 publication and implementation of this final rule with  
7 all of the changes that have been made in the  
8 negotiating process.

9 Would you please affirm your votes?

10 CHAIRMAN CARR: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER CURTISS: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER REMICK: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN CARR: Is there anything else to  
15 come before us today?

16 SECRETARY CHILK: I have nothing, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN CARR: If not, we stand  
18 adjourned.

19 (Whereupon, at 10:14 a.m., the above-  
20 entitled matter was adjourned.)

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