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For: The Commission
From: Victor Stello, Jr., Executive Director for Operations
Subject: SOVIET REPORT ON THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT
Purpose: To inform the Commission that the expected Soviet report on Chernobyl was issued, in Russian, on August 15, 1986 and that the staff has just received a DOE-sponsored quick translation; also, to transmit copies of the translation, for the Commission's immediate information.

Discussion: An official (IAEA) English translation is expected at the end of this week. It is expected that the report and perhaps other information on the Chernobyl accident will be explained further and discussed by Soviet representatives at the August 25-29, 1986, IAEA meeting in Vienna.

The nineteen members of the U.S. Delegation to the Vienna IAEA meeting include four NRC staff officers (H. Denton, T. Speis, B. Sheron, and F. Congel) and two NRC-sponsored consultants (W. Kerr, University of Michigan, Member of the ACRS, and T. Theofanous, University of California, Santa Barbara).

A briefing of the Commission on the facts of the accident as indicated by the Soviet report and the Vienna meeting is planned shortly after the meeting.

As indicated in the recent Chernobyl followup program update (SECY-86-185A), completion of a final inter-agency U.S. report on the facts of the accident is planned for December 1986 and an NRC staff assessment of the U.S. nuclear safety regulatory implications is expected to be submitted to the Commission in February 1987.

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Note: The translation is marked "Working Document for Chernobyl Post Accident Review Meeting: NOT FOR PUBLICATION."



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Enclosure: (Commissioners' only)
"The Accident at the Chernobyl AES and
Its Consequences," by the State Committee
for Using the Atomic Energy of USSR, dated
August 1986; translated from the Russian,
DOE, NE-40, August 17, 1986.

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