MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Zech

FROM: Forrest J. Remick, Chairman, ACRS

SUBJECT: CONTAINMENT DESIGN CRITERIA

During the 347th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, March 9-11, 1989, we discussed our plan of action to develop containment design criteria for nuclear power plants, based on current knowledge, in response to the referenced Staff Requirements Memorandum.

Containment performance in response to severe accidents is being considered by several groups within the NRC staff for existing nuclear power plants via the NRC Severe Accident Policy Statement as well as criteria for evolutionary light-water reactors. The Committee will concentrate its efforts on containment design criteria for future reactors, taking into account the work already being done by the staff and others.

An initial subcommittee meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 18, 1989 to consider this matter.

## Reference:

Staff Requirements Memorandum dated July 28, 1988 from Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary, for Raymond F. Fraley, ACRS, Subject: Staff Requirements - Periodic Briefing by the ACRS, Thursday, July 14, 1988

cc: Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss

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