

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Samuel J. Chilk Secretar

SUBJECT:

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - DISCUSSION OF SECY-79-479 AMENDMENT OF 10 CFR PART 71 (SEE ALSO SECY-79-415 REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO IE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 81 RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR INSPECTIONS OF NUCLEAR WASTE
GENERATORS AND SHIPPERS), 2:10 P.M., THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 1979, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
D.C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

- The Commission, by a vote of 5-0, approved issuance of changes to 10 CFR Part 71, as revised, to require that shipments of radioactive materials by NRC licensees be in accordance with Department of Transportation regulations. The rule change will be come effective 30 days after publication. (NMSS) (SECY Suspense: 10/18/79)
- 2. The Commission requested that:
 - a. the first sentence of the first full paragraph on page 2 of the proposed Federal Register Notice (Enclosure 2 to SECY-79-479) be deleted; (NMSS) (SECY Suspense: 10/18/79)
 - an appropriate press release be issued upon publication of the revisions to 10 CFR Part 71; (OPA) (SECY Suspense: 10/18/79)
 - c. the appropriate Congressional Committees be notified of this action; (OCA) (SECY Suspense: 10/18/79) and
 - d. all affected licensees and other interested persons be notified of this action by direct mail. (NMSS) (SECY Suspense: 10/18/79)
- 3. In taking this action, the Commission also discussed the necessity to augment staff resources to carry out inspections of nuclear waste generators, collectors and suppers. By a vote of 4-1,* the Commission approved:

^{*} Commissioner Ahearne agreed with the general approach for inspecting nuclear waste generators, collectors and shippers, but would have preferred to reduce the staff positions allocated for the program from 11 to 8, and to apply any necessary reductions in inspections to small shippers and the amount of time being spent at disposal facilities, or a combination of the two. He also commented that consideration should be given to having resident inspectors perform some of the inspections at a reactions.