

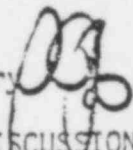


UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

May 25, 1979

OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee V. Gossick, Executive  
Director for Operations  
Carlton Kammerer, Director  
Congressional Affairs  
Joseph J. Fouchard, Director  
Public Affairs

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary 

SUBJECT: SECY-79-278 AND 278A - DISCUSSION OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION  
OF IRRADIATED FUEL SHIPMENTS, 9:50 A.M., TUESDAY,  
MAY 22, 1979, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C.  
OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission\* was briefed on proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 73 that would provide interim requirements for the protection of spent fuel in transit.

The Commission, by a vote of 4-0, approved these amendments, and requested that:

1. the amendments be forwarded in final form to the Federal Register, to become effective 30 days after publication, and that the licensees be given an additional period of 60 days to implement requirements involving equipment modification and training; (NMSS)
2. a 60 day public comment period be established; (NMSS)
3. appropriate Congressional committees be notified; (OCA)
4. a public announcement be issued when the amendments are filed with the Federal Register. (OPA)
5. the Executive Director for Operations review the I&E inspection plan and the personnel requirements for an additional five and one-half man-years of effort. The Commission expressly did not approve this level of effort. (EDO) (SECY Suspense: 6/18/79)
6. staff consider modification of NRC rules so that carriers can be licensed directly rather than the licensees. This is a separate action and is not intended to delay implementation of SECY-79-278 and 278A. (SD/ELD) (SECY Suspense: 9/30/79)

\*Chairman Hendrie was not in attendance.

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7. the staff address the problems related to the release or retention of information concerning the plan, particularly with respect to non-federal agencies, including the public at large, and advise the Commission what further action, if any, is required. (ELD) (SECY Suspense: 6/18/79)

cc:  
Chairman Hendrie  
Commissioner Gilinsky  
Commissioner Kennedy  
Commissioner Bradford  
Commissioner Ahearne  
General Counsel  
Acting Director, Policy Evaluation