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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Ahearne
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Hendrie
Commissioner Bradford

FROM: William J. Dircks
Acting Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: REPORT OF SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON THREE MILE ISLAND
CLEANUP

Attached is the report of the special task force that I formed on February 19 to evaluate cleanup activities at Three Mile Island.

I strongly endorse the main thrust of the report -- a call for prompt action to restore forward motion to the cleanup process. Consistent with the findings and recommendations in the report, I intend to direct the staff immediately to:

- establish interim criteria and the proper level of authority for staff decisions to permit releases associated with plant maintenance or data-gathering activities;
- assign high priority and necessary resources to ensure the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is soundly based and completed on a schedule accelerated to the extent practical;
- increase permanent staffing of NRC's Middletown office and Onsite Support Group, including a full time spokesman, and transfer assignments to prepare environmental assessments to Bethesda;

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- finish the necessary assessments on the proposal to vent Krypton-85 from the containment building so the Commission has all information needed for a prompt decision; and
- complete any technical studies needed to confirm or supplement the preliminary risk assessments and health and safety judgments in the task force report.

I also intend to direct the staff to prepare a plan and schedule of staff and Commission activities for proceeding with the Three Mile Island cleanup and for implementing each of the task force recommendations.



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Attachment:
Evaluation of the Cleanup
Activities at Three Mile Island

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