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MEMORANDUM FOR: James L. Blaha, Assistant for Operations
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FROM: Frank J. Congel, Director
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and Emergency Preparedness
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: WITS 8900155, "INTERIM STANDARD ON OCCUPATIONAL
DOSE FOR SKIN FROM BETA RADIATION EMITTED
FROM A HOT PARTICLE"

The subject item refers to the statement that "Chairman Carr encouraged the staff to submit by the end of November, 1989, for Commission review and approval the proposed 'Interim Standard on Occupational Dose for Skin from Beta Radiation Emitted from a Hot Particle.'"

This staff requirement resulted from the August 10, 1989 ACRS briefing of the Commission. During that briefing the ACRS representative repeated the ACRS recommendation that the staff should "revise the interim standard to be based on the NCRP report," and told the Commission that "The Staff met with Warren Sinclair of NCRP recently and got a commitment from Warren, who is President of NCRP, that their final report on this subject would be published by the end of September and would presumably address the concerns the staff raised in reviewing the draft report." Thus we understand this staff requirement for submittal by the end of November to be contingent on the NCRP providing the final NCRP report to the staff by the end of September.

The September 30 completion date was reiterated in a September 1, 1989 letter from the NCRP (Enclosure 1); however, the NCRP did not provide its report by that date. In a letter dated October 16, 1989 (Enclosure 2), the NCRP informed the staff that the final NCRP report (as page proofs) would not be available to the staff until December 1989. Moreover, in a letter dated October 26, 1989 (Enclosure 3), the NCRP informed the staff that some complex technical issues are still outstanding and that the NCRP may have to modify its schedule.

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As a result of the delay and uncertainty in the NCRP schedule, the staff is preparing a Commission paper proposing a course of action with respect to an interim standard. This Commission paper will be forwarded to the EDO's Office by December 8, 1989. Please modify WITS Item 8900155, with appropriate change of date, to reflect this change from an interim standard to a Commission paper.

Original signed by

Frank J. Congel, Director
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Enclosures:

- 1. Ltr fm W. R. Ney, Executive Director, NCRP, to B. M. Morris, NRC/RES, dtd 09/01/89.
- 2. Ltr fm W. M. Beckner, Staff Scientist, NCRP, to B. M. Morris, NRC/RES, dtd 10/06/89.
- 3. Ltr fm W. K. Sinclair, President, NCRP, to B. M. Morris, NRC/RES, dtd 10/26/89.

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