



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

September 17, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Acting Executive
Director for Operations

FROM: John Ahearne

SUBJECT: DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

As of October 1, 1980, in accordance with the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1980, you as EDO are delegated the following functions:

1. Administrative functions of the Commission;
2. Distribution of business among personnel and among administrative units and offices of the Commission;
3. Preparation of the following estimates and proposals:
 - a. Proposals for the reorganization of the major offices within the Commission;
 - b. Budget estimates for the Commission; and
 - c. Proposed distribution of appropriated funds according to major programs and purposes.
4. Appointing and removing, without any further action by the Commission, all offices and employees except those whose appointment and removal are specifically assigned to the Commission or the Chairman. It is anticipated that you will delegate the authority to appoint, remove and supervise the staff within major organizational units to the heads of such units.

In performing each of these functions, you will be subject to the direction and supervision of the Chairman. However, you will also be governed by the general policies of the Commission and by such regulatory decision, findings and determinations as the Commission is authorized to make. Such governing actions of the Commission include those relating to reorganization proposals, budget revisions and distribution of appropriated funds.

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With regard to functions previously delegated to the staff by the Commission, such delegations are now made through the Chairman. Unless instructed otherwise on specific matters, it is understood that these functions continue to be delegated to the staff and that you should continue to delegate them to their present levels.

Finally, you will be responsible, through the Chairman, for insuring that the Commission is fully and currently informed about matters within its functions. I would prefer that Commissioners' requests for information be made through the Chairman's office; however in view of the split on the Commission on this issue, Commissioners may still make requests directly to the staff. All such requests should be honored unless in your opinion they would require a level of resource expenditure which would impact the ongoing programs. You should bring those requests to the Chairman along with the resource estimate and any alternate proposal which might satisfy the request at a lower level of resources. If no alternative can be worked out between the Chairman and the Commissioner making the request which avoids a resource problem, the Commissioner may bring the question before the full Commission which may vote to alter priorities in order to satisfy the request. It must be emphasized that any return of a Commissioner request by the EDO is a judgment that the level of impact requires a Commission decision, not an evaluation on the merits of the request.

cc: Commissioner Gilinsky
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