



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

December 4, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John Ahearne *J. Ahearne*

SUBJECT: PROCEDURAL ASSISTANCE

Attached is a letter I have just received from the Comptroller General concluding that our procedural assistance program may not use any FY 81 funds. Therefore, by this memorandum, I am directing the office of the Secretary and the NRC staff to immediately cease such program until the General Counsel and the Commission have had an opportunity to examine this decision and reach a conclusion as to what our future action should be. Any documents that are in the process of being transmitted should be held and no further processing should occur without further direction from the Commission.

By copy of this memorandum, I am also asking the Controller to determine how much in FY 81 funds have been expended to date on this program.

cc: Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Hendrie
Commissioner Bradford
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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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December 3, 1980

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The Honorable John F. Ahearne
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are enclosing for your information our letter of this date to the Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Production, Committee on Science and Technology, House of Representatives. In our letter we conclude that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may not lawfully use funds appropriated by the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, 1981, Pub. L. No. 96-367, 94 Stat. 1331, to implement the procedural cost reduction program announced by the Commission in the Federal Register on July 25, 1980 (45 Fed. Reg. 49535).

Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General
of the United States

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