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

FROM: William J. Dircks  
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SUBJECT: EDO REPORT (WEEK OF MAY 27-30, 1980)

1. TMI Venting Decision

A paper was sent to the Commission 5/30/80. The EIS was delivered to the Commissioners the following day. A decision by about June 13 will be required if venting is to begin this summer.

2. Hiring Freeze

The OMB staff has proposed a plan that would grant partial relief to the NRC hiring freeze. The plan would set aside 196 vacant positions and allow NRC to fill these without restriction. Offers are already out for 145 of these positions and 51 additional offers could be made. The number of personnel on board (2870 as of 5/19/80) would become a separate ceiling that would be reduced by one for every two losses. Approximately 400 IE inspectors would be exempted from this restriction and could be replaced on a one for one basis. We hope OMB approval is imminent.

3. OMB Meeting on Legislation

OMB requested staff to discuss with them legislation proposed by Senator Kennedy on liability for occupational workers exposed to radiation. The meeting was cancelled and may be rescheduled.

4. FY 1981 Senate Authorization Bill

A reclama to the Senate Authorization Bill is being prepared and will be forwarded for the Chairman's signature. The reclama requests that \$7.0 million for the Lab Loaner Program and \$1.4 million for NRR TMI Action Plan work be added to the NRC authorization.

5. Export Licensing

a. Export of LEU to Spain

Staff analyses of all aspects of cases will be submitted to the Commission except full scope safeguards issue. The latter issue is being addressed in Spain by DOS and results are expected to follow shortly.

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b. Pending HEU Exports (EURATOM)

IP and NMSS will meet with DOS 6/2/80 in an effort to resolve outstanding issue.

6. Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee (Gov. Babbitt)

Bill Dircks testified for the NRC and reviewed principal activities in the Agency since TMI. The witnesses were Tom Cochran, Bob Bernero appearing for Rogovin, Floyd Lewis, and Shelly Schwartz appeared for FEMA. The Committee intends to be in Washington about the first of July and wishes at that time to meet with the Commission. Their immediate concerns are with Operator Training and Emergency Planning.

7. Waste Hearing (McCormack Subcommittee)

The basic thrust of NRC testimony was that if the demonstration repository were to be constructed into a full-term repository, the initial establishment should be accomplished within a regulatory framework. NRC testimony, therefore, did not support the legislation. After the testimony, Committee staff asked for NRC comments which might lead to NRC support of a revised bill.

8. SALP Hearing (Moffett) (Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance)

The Subcommittee was generally supportive of the SALP concept and questioned staff concerning bringing the concept into practical operation.

9. Risk Assessment of Interim Operation at Indian Point

The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) has evaluated the risk of operating Indian Point reactors for the coming year. The initial draft report is being revised to incorporate OPE comments. The report is expected to be completed in two weeks.

10. Limerick Hearing (Udall)

Harold Denton testified for the NRC in the Limerick Hearing (Udall) on May 27. Denton indicated that NRC had asked the Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) to perform risk assessment of the Limerick plants, located 28 miles from Philadelphia, and based on this review NRC may consider modifying the Limerick construction permit.

11. Project Manager - Resident Inspector Communications (Point Beach Matter)

In response to Chairman's 5/12/80 memorandum "Inquiry Into Certain Aspects of the Point Beach Matter," NRR and IE jointly proposed corrective actions

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to improve the Licensee Event Report (LER) distribution system and the interaction between project managers (NRR) and IE resident/principal inspectors. These problems were identified by OIA during its inquiry into the Point Beach matter.

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