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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Carlyle Michelson, Chairman Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

FROM:

Samuel J. Chilk, Secretar

SUBJECT:

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC BRIEFING BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS (ACRS), 2:00 P.M., THUREDAY, JANUARY 11, 1990, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission met with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) and discussed the following matters:

- The Commission's Safety Goal Policy and its relationship to the concept of adequate protection (as documented in staff paper, SECY-89-375, "Adequate Protection as it Relates to Safety Goal: ACRS and Staff Positions," released to the public at this meeting).
- The status of recommendations on containment design criteria for future reactors.
- 3. The ACRS meeting with Canada's Atomic Energy Control Board, Advisory Committee on Nuclear Safety.

The Committee informed the Commission that it will submit its recommendations on containment design criteria for future reactors in the spring of 1990. The recommendations will discuss defense in depth policies and outline the issues and criteria for containments based on present knowledge. (ACRS) (SECY Suspense: 4/27/90)

Chairman Carr informed the ACRS that the Commission will respond, in the near term, to the ACRS letter on the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) process.

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The Commission encourages the ACRS to continue providing its perspective and advice on the wide range of safety issues facing the agency. The Commission requests that ACRS, in scheduling its activities, give priority to the review of reactor operational safety issues, technical requirements for future reactor designs and the technical criteria for license renewal. On issues such as reactor aging, the Committee should structure reviews involving many disciplines in such a way that the advice to the Commission is well integrated.

cc: Chairman Carr Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Rogers Commissioner Curtiss Commissioner Remick OGC EDO GPA PDR - Advance DCS - P1-24