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MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Executive Director for Operations
FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO REACTOR
OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS (SEE SECY-81-84/84A), 2:40 P.M.,
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1981, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
D.C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by staff on the two staff proposals regarding proposed modifications to the qualifications of reactor operators and the proposals of Commissioner Gilinsky and of Commissioner Ahearne.

Although the Commission took no final action on this matter, the Commission directed staff as follows:

1. Establish a peer review panel with membership composed of representatives from outside NRC. The purpose of the panel is to review the various proposals and comments thereon regarding operator qualifications, to conduct workshops as necessary, and to develop a recommended course of action. The panel should be established along the lines of the one established for the high-level waste rule. Representatives should be selected to draw systematically on the experience of others such as FAA, Air Force, NASA, and the nuclear Navy. (NRR) (SECY Suspense: 7/24/81)
2. Additional comments should be sought from ANS and from INPO. Efforts should be made to elicit a counterproposal from those industry representatives who have been critical of the NRC proposals under consideration. (NRR)
3. Workshops should be held to bring together various groups, including the peer panel, those affected (current operating personnel), academicians, and training professionals from other federal agencies and industry. The initial workshop should be held in two months. (NRR) (SECY Suspense: 8/21/81)
4. A progress report should be made to the Commission on the formation of the group, the results of the initial workshop, and a schedule of further activities and estimated dates. (NRR) (SECY Suspense: mid-September)
5. This supersedes prior action on this matter, described in staff requirements memoranda on M810312B, dated March 13, 1981 and April 7, 1981.

Staff should inform the Commission about planned and completed activities.

cc: Chairman Hendrie
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Bradford
Commissioner Ahearne
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