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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Patricia G. Norry, Director
Office of Administration

SUBJECT: DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ACQUISITION REGULATION

I am requesting a six month extension in the schedule for issuance of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Acquisition Regulation (NRCAR) which is currently scheduled to be submitted to you for signature on January 9, 1992.

The NRCAR contains the Commission's revised policy on organizational conflicts of interest (COI). As you requested, we are planning to hold a public meeting in March 1992 to address industry concerns regarding the restrictiveness of this policy. Consequently, I am recommending a six month delay to address industry concerns and to monitor the impact of the COI policy on competition in the technical marketplace. In this regard, we have several competitive projects underway for NRR and RES which will allow us to gain some experience with our new policy before implementing the NRCAR. Delaying issuance of the NRCAR will also allow us to address several other recent comments regarding provisions of the document.

Please let me know if you require additional information regarding this request.

Original signed by
Patricia G. Norry

Patricia G. Norry, Director
Office of Administration

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