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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Thomas E. Murley, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: LICENSE RENEWAL RULEMAKING

The license renewal Commission paper includes the statement that the proposed rulemaking package could be forwarded to the Commission within 4 months after the Commission directs the staff to proceed with rulemaking. I believe that this is achievable; it is a difficult and ambitious task. This will be a substantial rulemaking, not a minor rule change. Establishing and ensuring consistency throughout all the documents associated with this rulemaking, and ensuring that the documents are consistent with the maintenance rule documents, will be a large effort. A significant amount of work will be necessary to develop a new Statement of Consideration (SOC) and to resolve issues from the current SOC. Additionally, a significant effort will be required to prepare a new regulatory analysis since the staff's proposed approach has not been covered in the current regulatory analysis. Other issues, which are stated in the Commission paper, that will require considerable effort include: (1) defining the term "passive" as it applies to ITLR SSCs and ITLR functions, (2) clarifying ITLR screening requirements for support systems determined to affect Technical Specification operability determinations for ITLR systems, and (3) clarifying licensee evaluations requirements for passive long-lived structures and components. The schedule for producing the proposed and final rulemaking package is given in Enclosure 1.

To meet the schedule, NRR intends to take the lead for this rulemaking and will devote priority attention to completion of this rulemaking. RES and OGC priority attention will also be needed. To ensure that this effort gets priority attention, I intend to establish a dedicated team to work full time on this effort to complete all elements of the rulemaking package. Enclosure 2 identifies the eight members of the staff assigned to this working group; note the participation of OGC and RES on this team. I will be working through the Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Regional Operations and Research (DEDR) to have these or other RES and OGC staff assigned to the License Renewal Project Directorate in NRR to provide the focused effort needed to accomplish the activities associated with the rulemaking and meet the schedule. Additionally, the staff will have to coordinate closely with ACRS since the normal lead time for ACRS review will have to be reduced.

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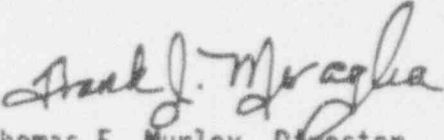
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To provide overall guidance regarding the accomplishment of this task and to facilitate resolution of conflicts that may arise during this expedited rulemaking activity, I intend to chair a License Renewal Steering Group. Enclosure 2 identifies the proposed members of the Steering Group.

The Commission paper is being forwarded to you in parallel with OGC, as OGC has not yet concurred.

  
for Thomas E. Murley, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures:

1. License Renewal Schedule
2. Members of Working/Steering Groups

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## PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR LICENSE RENEWAL RULEMAKING

<u>Action</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Paper to Commission outlining approach	12/3/93
Staff develops proposed rule package	12/1/93-3/31/94
Commission approves approach	12/30/93
CRGR receives draft proposed rule package	3/31/94
ACRS receives draft proposed rule package	3/31/94
CRGR completes review	4/22/94
Commission receives proposed rulemaking package	5/2/94
ACRS submits comments to Commission (if desired at this time)	5/16/94
Commission approves issuance of proposed rule	5/23/94
Proposed rule issued for public comment	5/30/94
Public comment period expires	8/13/94
Staff responds to public comments and revised rule package	9/28/94
CRGR and ACRS receive draft final rulemaking package	9/28/94
Draft final rulemaking package to Commission for information	9/28/94
CRGR and ACRS review of rulemaking package	11/4/94
Staff revise final rulemaking package	11/21/94
Final rulemaking package submitted to Commission for approval	11/21/94
Commission approves final rulemaking	12/12/94
Staff make necessary revisions and publish final rule	12/30/94

LICENSE RENEWAL RULEMAKING WORKING GROUP

Leader:	S. Reynolds	NRR
Members:	T. Hiltz	NRR
	S. Lee	NRR
	J. Sharkey	NRR
	J. Moulton	NRR
	D. Nelson	NRR
	G. Mizuno	OGC
	R. Auluck	RES

LICENSE RENEWAL RULE STEERING GROUP

Chair :	T. Murley	NRR
Member:	J. Heltemes	RES
Member:	M. Malsch	OGC
Member:	J. Sniezek/J. Milhoan	DEDR