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- MEMORANDUM FOR: Eric Beckjord, Director Office of Research
- FROM: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr. Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards & Operations Support

SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THE PART 20 AND PART 35.75 RULEMAKINGS

I recently sent a memorandum to you approving that your office proceed on a revision to 10 CFR Part 20 which would eliminate the term "Controlled Area" and redefine "occupational exposure." In addition, your office has been tasked to respond to petitions for rulemaking on 10 CFR Part 35.75 regarding patient release criteria. As it is essential that both of these rulemakings are completed by the mandatory implementation date for the revised Part 20 of January 1, 1994, I would like to be briefed as to your plan for accomplishing these amendments within that time frame. Specifically, I would like to know what actions are needed to ensure that both of these important rulemakings are final and published no later than January 1, 1994. Representatives from NRR, NMSS, OGC, and OSP will be present. If you believe that reallocation of resources or commitments from these offices is necessary in order for you to meet this schedule, then you will have my complete support.

I have reserved conference room 16B11 for Tuesday, July 27, at 10:00 am. Please contact Charleen Raddatz of my staff at 504-1717 if you have any questions on this subject.

Hugh L. Thompson, Or Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards & Operations Support

cc: J. Taylor J. Sniezek