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MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor Executive Director for Operations FROM: Samuel J. Chilk Secretary SUBJECT: SECY-94-030 - CONTINUATION OF THE "NUCLEAR SAFETY" JOURNAL

This is to advise you that the Commission, with all Commissioners agreeing, does not object to the staff recommendation to continue publication of the Nuclear Safety Journal through NRC funding only.

The Commission believes that the quality of the Journal can be improved to more effectively address the interests of the NRC, its licensees, the nuclear community and the public in a timely manner. The staff should develop a mission statement and guidance regarding the Journal's content, focus, and timeliness that reflects the following:

The Nuclear Safety Journal should be issued no fewer than four times per year to foster timely treatment of topics. The recent events and operating experience section should be enhanced and held open as late as possible in the production schedule.

The Journal should include evolving nuclear safety issues, in addition to continuing publication of detailed peer reviewed research articles. Some examples that could have been candidates are staff insights on BWR level instrumentation test results and Thermo-Lag performance tests.

More extensive NRC authorship should be strongly encouraged, as well as soliciting more participation from the U.S. research community.

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As appropriate, papers discussing safety policy issues of interest should be included.

The publication schedule should be brought up to date.

The staff should submit the proposed mission statement to the Commission along with the estimated resource impacts.

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In the SRM dated November 8, 1993, the staff was directed to perform a study to explore ways to reduce publication costs and supplement funding of the Journal. In addition to the subscription rate increases previously mentioned, the staff should also consider other measures to make the Journal as close to self sustaining as possible. Additional elements that could be considered include: imposition of page charges for publication, soliciting advertising, and soliciting international research community support, perhaps from IAEA.

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