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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor Executive Director for Operations FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary SUBJECT: SECY-90-362 - STAFF COMMENTS ON THE CONTINUING NEED FOR A LICENSE REVIEW BASIS DOCUMENT FOR EACH PASSIVE DESIGN

This is to advise you that the Commission (with all Commissioners approving) agrees that:

- 1) A formal LRB document will not be required for the AP-600 and SBWR reviews; and 2) It appears at this time that the LRB documents for the MHTGR, PRISM, PIUS and CANDU would provide a more stable and predictable regulatory process. However, if an LRB document becomes an element on the critical path in the review schedule of a specific advanced reactor design or new developments suggest that an LRB document is no longer necessary, staff will promptly notify the Commission of such developments and recommend appropriate options for Commission consideration.

In preparing the revised schedules for agency review of the passive designs, the staff should identify the efficiencies that would result from the decision not to require LRB's for these designs, and incorporate those efficiencies in the revised schedules.

Finally, the Commission will provide guidance with regard to finalizing the ABB-CE LRB in the SRM on Secy-90-353.

SECY NOTE: This SRM, the subject Secy Paper and the Vote Sheets of Commissioners Rogers, Remick, and Curtiss will be made available to the public 10 days after the date of this SRM.

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