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OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

January 9, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON LEVEL OF  
DESIGN DETAIL FOR PART 52 (SECY-90-377),  
10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1990,  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE  
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO  
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the level of design detail recommended for design certification.

The Commission reiterated that the application for a design certification must contain a level of design information sufficient to enable the Commission to reach a final conclusion on all safety questions associated with the design before the certification is granted. The Commission also reiterated that ITAAC are to provide reasonable assurance that a plant which references the design is built and will operate in accordance with the design certification and thus are not to be used to reach a final conclusion on any safety question associated with the design.

Chairman Carr noted that severe accident mitigation measures still need to be addressed under NEPA in either the design certification or in some preliminary rulemaking.

Additional questions and/or staff requirements may be generated as a result of the Commission voting process on SECY-90-377 and, in such case, will appear in the SRM on that paper.

cc: Chairman Carr  
Commissioner Rogers  
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