



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

IN RESPONSE
REFER TO S81-19

February 19, 1981

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Executive Director
for Operations
FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary
SUBJECT: SECY-81-19 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACILITIES

This is to advise you that the Commission (with all Commissioners approving) has approved the proposed NUREG-0696 subject to the following modifications:

1. Sections of NUREG-0696 dealing with Emergency Operations Facilities (EOF) must be revised to reflect the Commission decision reported in the S. J. Chilk to W. J. Dircks memorandum of January 21, 1981 (COMJA-80-37).
2. The discussion of the seismic qualification of the EOF should be more explicit, for example refer to the Uniform Building Code as a definition of "well engineered".
3. A note should be added to NUREG-0696 indicating that the document provides general guidance only, is an acceptable way to meet the rules and regulations, and that compliance is not a requirement.

The Commission also notes that the General Counsel (memo attached) has raised an issue regarding the use of NUREG's to issue new requirements or quasi-requirements. The Commission would like to have the staff views on this subject.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: March 23, 1981)

Commissioners Gilinsky and Bradford believe that in the future NUREG's should not be used to issue new requirements.

Attachment:
As Stated

cc: Chairman Ahearne
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