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MEMORANDUM FOR: Guy H. Cunningham, III C. Thomas
Executive Legal Director G. Meyer

FROM: Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR
POWERPLANT LICENSING ACT OF 1983

In its consideration of improving the licensing process, the Commission states in its 1983 Policy and Planning Guidance (PPG) its intent to consider a legislative package for submittal to the Congress, and also a set of reforms which can be implemented without the need for legislation. The PPG provides further that the legislative proposals should be forwarded to the Congress by January 1983 and the administrative remedies should be published for comment by early 1983 with a goal of completing rule changes by the end of FY 1983. The aforementioned policy and planning guidance is reflected by reference in the EDO Program Guidance dated September 20, 1982.

Now that the proposed "Nuclear Powerplant Licensing Act of 1983" has been forwarded to the Congress, we believe that in keeping with the PPG planning guidance, we should, in anticipation of the legislation, examine existing authority and regulations, identify resource requirements and determine what changes are needed to undertake such reviews. Our FY 1983 - FY 1985 Operating Plan provides that these tasks should be completed within six months of the submittal of the legislative proposal to the Congress.

The accomplishment of these tasks will require the coordinated efforts of both of our offices. I, therefore, request that you designate one or more individuals to work with representatives of the Standardization & Special Projects Branch, Division of Licensing (Cecil Thomas and Gary Meyer) in the development of an action plan to accomplish these tasks.

Original signed by
E. G. Case
Harold R. Denton, Director
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