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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: *John C. Hoyle*
John C. Hoyle, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY 97-110 - STATUS
REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DAM SAFETY
PROGRAM

The Commission, recognizing its statutory obligation to implement the requirements of the National Dam Safety Program Act, has approved the staff's plans to continue implementing NRC's current dam safety program. Nevertheless, the Commission believes that the staff should apply resources judiciously to the program, apply the minimum resources necessary to comply with NRC's responsibilities, and explore mechanisms to reduce resource commitments, if possible.

Specifically, the staff should reconsider whether devoting one full FTE to the program in FY 1997 and FY 1998 is necessary to complete the most significant commitments made in the dam safety program. In addition, the staff should reevaluate whether our current approach is the most effective and efficient for accomplishing the goals and objectives of the dam safety program or whether there are more cost effective alternative approaches, such as the transfer of oversight responsibility for the 19 dams under NRC jurisdiction to an agency that has a larger, well-established dam safety program.

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(SECY Suspense: 8/11/97)

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RECORD CONTAINING THE VOTE SHEETS OF ALL
COMMISSIONERS WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5
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