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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Zech

FROM: Victor Stello, Jr.
Acting Executive Director
for Operations

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of this memorandum is to acknowledge our receipt of a staff requirements memorandum dated February 21, 1986, requesting staff follow-up actions in response to questions raised by the Commissioners regarding staff efforts to improve Technical Specifications. This information will be provided, as requested, in a staff paper transmitting a proposed Commission Policy Statement on improving Technical Specifications. The paper will also address the additional questions raised in Commissioner Asselstine's February 19, 1986, memorandum referred to in the staff requirements memorandum.

The staff is currently developing an overall program plan to coordinate both NRC and industry efforts in the area of Technical Specification improvement including the staff paper on the proposed Policy Statement. The plan will include a specific schedule for this paper. In our previous communication with the Commission on this subject (SECY-86-10), we had stated that our schedule goal for completing the plan was March 1, 1986. Since then, we have received much valuable input from both inside and outside the NRC (including the Commission itself and ACRS) on subjects that should be addressed in the plan. Based on this input, it now appears that the plan will not be completed until the end of March 1986.

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