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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr. Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

IN RESPONSE, PLEASE REFER TO: M871201A

The Commission was briefed by NUMARC and the staff on the success and problems of implementing the Commission's fitness for duty policy.

(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF

10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1987,

IMPLEMENTATION OF FITNESS FOR DUTY PROGRAM,

COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C. OFFICE

Presentations by NUMARC representatives were made by:

- Byron Lee, President of NUMARC
- Joe Colvin Executive Vice President of NUMARC
- John M. Griffin, Senior Vice President Arkansas Power and Light
- Patrick Sanders, Vice President Commonwealth Edison Company

The Commission requested the staff to prepare a SECY paper containing a proposed fitness for duty rule. The paper should contain a range of options from random testing to less intrusive methods of testing which might be more acceptable to employees and employee unions. To the extent appropriate, the proposed rule should not displace the good features of the industry's efforts; it should address the "tracking" of personnel who have been discharged for drug related reasons; it should address the need for, scope of, and necessary procedural safeguards for random testing programs and include in a proposed rule provisions for whatever random drug testing

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program the staff deems to be essential from the standpoint of protecting the public health and safety; and it should establish uniform requirements for testing and collection of data for proper evaluation and necessary corrective action to assure licensees' compliance with the fitness for duty regulation. The staff should coordinate its efforts with OGC.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 3/4/88, PRIORITY)

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