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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

Karen D. Cyr
General Counsel

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Robert for

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-269 - RENEWAL OF THE
SAFETY LIGHT CORPORATION LICENSES AT
BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to grant an exemption to the requirements of 10 CFR 30.35 and approved the renewal of Safety Light Corporation's (SLC) licenses for a period of five years.

As part of the renewal, the staff will place a specific condition in License No. 37-00030-02 which will require the licensee to contribute funds to a decommissioning trust account over the life of the license. NRC approval will continue to be required for withdrawal of any funds from the account. A specific condition will also be placed in License No. 37-00030-08, the license for the tritium operations at the site, to require the licensee to prepare a D&D plan for the tritium facility.

(EDO) (SECY Suspend: 12/30/99)

The Commission approves staff's recommendation to reaffirm the NRC's position that it retains jurisdiction with regard to the USR Companies and their responsibilities regarding the decommissioning of this site.

The staff should provide the Commission with an analysis that discusses staff's actions with respect to the USR Companies' non-compliance with the original Settlement Agreement and the staff's consideration of seeking additional funds from the USR Companies, whether before or after license termination. This analysis should not interfere with the renewal of SLC's licenses. The NRC's activities with respect to the USR Companies should be treated as a separate matter.

(OGC/EDO) (SECY Suspend: 4/28/00)

The staff should include a condition in the renewed license that SLC provide by June 30, 2000, a schedule and plan, for NRC review and approval, for continuation of site characterization, remediation, and development of revised cost estimates including strategies for site cleanup to meet the criteria of the license termination rule. The licensee should be put on notice in the cover letter transmitting the renewed license that the NRC expects the licensee to submit a plan

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incorporating these revised cost estimates and demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 30.35 when the licensee applies for the next renewal of this license.

cc: Chairman Meserve
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