

August 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary \s\

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON REACTOR
INSPECTION PROGRAM (SECY-95-163), 2:00 P.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1995, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)
and
SECY-95-163 - IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POWER
REACTOR INSPECTION PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
PROCESS

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the reactor inspection program. The Commission (Chairman Jackson, exercising delegated authority pursuant to a delegation from the Commission*, in accordance with NRC Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1980) has not objected to issuance of the final inspection procedure for the Integrated Performance Assessment Process (IPAP) as described in SECY-95-163. As the staff develops consolidated guidance on the NRC's overall plant evaluation process (PIs, ASP, IPES Inspection Reports, Enforcement Actions, SALP, IPAP, SMM process, etc.), consideration should be given to graphical forms for communicating the integration process. For example, influence diagrams can provide insights into the structure of the decision making process, a graphical representation of the decision problem, and a description of relationships. Understanding relationships among the constituent parts is essential for objective evaluation processes.

* This decision was made after consultation with Commissioner Rogers, who has not indicated an objection to this negative consent item.

SECY NOTE: THIS SRM WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5 WORKING
DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SRM. SECY-95-163 WAS
PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC AT THE COMMISSION BRIEFING
ON JULY 26, 1995.

The staff should describe how each piece of the program is integrated into a comprehensive plant monitoring and evaluation process. The Commission should also be informed of the actions being taken to ensure that the staff is prepared to implement the program (i.e., staffing, training, procedures, etc.).

The Commission also suggested that the staff continue work to reduce the amount of unnecessary language contained in inspection reports and in other documents provided to the Commission for information or decision.

The staff should present to the Commission a follow-up briefing describing the actions being taken to integrate the overall inspection program and plant evaluation process.

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(SECY Suspense: 9/29/95)

cc: Chairman Jackson
Commissioner Rogers
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