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January 25, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF
NRC'S AGREEMENT STATES PROGRAM, 10:30 A.M.,
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1994, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of the Agreement States program.

The Commission, noting that Agreement States assert their authority to regulate in areas where NRC has discontinued its authority, requests that staff explore methods by which staff may consult with States on matters such as rules development, program policy and management without the need to charter formal advisory committees under FACA. The results should be provided to the Commission and should include a review of similar efforts being undertaken by EPA.

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(SECY Suspense: 6/17/94)

In the development of performance indicators, staff should consider the pros and cons of differentiating levels of concern when a finding of adequacy or compatibility cannot be offered following a review of an Agreement State program. The use of a color coded system similar to that which NRR has used in the maintenance inspections may also be useful in this regard.

The staff should promptly inform the Commission if the routine work is jeopardized by insufficient resources.

cc: The Chairman
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