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MEMORANDUM TO: Sher Bahadur, Chairman
Committee to Review Generic Requirements

FROM: R. William Borchardt, Deputy Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DEFER CRGR REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
TO AMEND 10 CFR PARTS 19, 20 AND 50, "COLLECTING AND
REPORTING OCCUPATIONAL DOSE RECORDS, LABELING
CONTAINERS, AND REDEFINING THE QUANTITY TOTAL EFFECTIVE
DOSE EQUIVALENT

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation staff has prepared a proposed rulemaking to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden in 10 CFR Parts 19, 20, and 50. This rulemaking would (1) amend the provisions of 10 CFR 19.13, "Notifications and reports to individuals," to require that licensees provide routine annual occupational dose reports to individuals only when the annual dose exceeds 1 mSv (100 mrem) or when the individual requests the report; (2) revise the definition of total effective dose equivalent in 10 CFR 20.1003, "Definitions," and 10 CFR 50.2, "Definitions," to be consistent with current Commission policy by clarifying that TEDE is the sum of the effective dose equivalent (for external exposures) and the committed effective dose equivalent (for internal exposures); (3) revise 10 CFR 20.1905, "Exemptions to labeling requirements," to add an exemption for the labeling of containers holding licensed material within posted areas in nuclear power facilities; and (4) remove the requirement in 10 CFR 20.2104, "Determination of prior occupational dose," to attempt to obtain the records of cumulative occupational radiation doses for all individuals requiring monitoring under 10 CFR 20.1502, "Conditions requiring individual monitoring of external and internal occupational dose." These revisions are intended to reduce administrative and paperwork burdens on NRC licensees without affecting the level of protection to the health and safety of workers and the public.

The staff is requesting to defer CRGR review of the proposed rule until after the public comment period has ended and the staff has considered any public comments received. This request is to support the schedule to issue the proposed rule for comment before the end of May 2006. In support of this request, it is noted that this rulemaking does not involve a backfit and the draft rule language was issued previously (69 FR 8350; February 24, 2004) to solicit public comment.

Eight comment letters were received and they are addressed in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice. The Commission paper for the proposed rule is also enclosed for your information.

Enclosure: As stated

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