

March 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/
SUBJECT: COMRAM-00-0001 - REQUEST FOR NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STUDY OF NATIONAL POLICY ISSUES ON CONTROL OF SOLID MATERIALS

This memorandum is to inform you that all Commissioners have concurred in your proposal to request that the National Academy of Sciences Board on Energy and Environmental Systems conduct a study and provide recommendations on the possible alternatives for release of slightly contaminated solid materials. The attached SRM provides staff direction on this issue.

This completes action on COMRAM-00-0001.

Attachment: As stated

cc: Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
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ATTACHMENT

March 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer
FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMRAM-00-0001 - REQUEST FOR NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STUDY OF NATIONAL POLICY ISSUES ON CONTROL OF SOLID MATERIALS

The Commission has approved requesting the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Board on Energy and Environmental Systems to conduct a study and provide recommendations on possible alternatives for release of slightly contaminated solid materials. The staff should be very specific in its grant language, including specifics for deliverables and timelines for completion. The final report should be completed within 9 months of the initiation of the study. The CFO should provide resources for this initiative as part of the FY00 mid-year review. The NAS should review the current international experience, recommendations and regulations to date, and include this international perspective in its summary as part of its overall findings and recommendations. This effort should also include a review of the European Union standard and how member States are implementing it and consider the American National Standards Institute's clearance standard N13.12, as required by the National Technology Transfer Act of 1995. The study group should be aware of what the practice is in dealing with non-AEA radioactive material, in considering AEA material.

The staff should, in responding to the SRM on SECY-99-214, dated September 20, 1999, provide its recommendation on integrating the NAS study into the agency's approach for proceeding to address the control of release of solid materials.

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