MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan

Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-190 - DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDE AND STANDARD

REVIEW PLAN ON RISK-INFORMED INSERVICE INSPECTION OF PIPING

The Commission has approved publication of the Federal Register notice (FRN) and issuance of the draft regulatory guide and standard review plan for a 90-day public comment period.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 10/31/97)

The staff should continue to evaluate the two methodologies in parallel and work with industry representatives on their respective pilot applications. The issues raised in the FRN and the details of the two methodologies should be thoroughly discussed during the public workshop. The staff should also consider whether it is necessary and practical for licensees to perform risk assessment on all pipes in the plant for determining the scope of the risk-informed inservice inspection program.

The Commission intends to revisit the policy issues inherent in the draft documents in light of the expected substantial public comments.

SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-97-190, AND THE COMMISSION VOTING RECORD CONTAINING THE VOTE SHEETS OF ALL COMMISSIONERS WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS SRM.