

December 5, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-220 - IMPLEMENTATION OF DSI 22 RESEARCH

The Commission has approved the staff's plans to transfer the rulemaking resources and responsibilities to the program offices as described in SECY-97-220 and subject to the following comments.

1. The staff should clearly define the scope of activities meeting the definition of confirmatory research as defined in SECY-97-167. Technical activities meeting this definition, but not being transferred to RES should be identified and the reasons for not transferring the activities should be provided.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 12/31/97)

2. The staff should provide recommendations on the Generic Safety Issues Program and the consolidation of highly specialized expertise to the Commission. As with the Rulemaking Activity Plan in the rulemaking area, there should be a mechanism in place to set priorities and scheduling for generic safety issues and to pass that information to the Commission for review.

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(SECY Suspense: 12/31/97)

3. With regard to the lack of resources to carry out all the rulemakings currently underway, the staff should identify in the Rulemaking Activity Plan (RAP) which rulemakings will be delayed or eliminated to permit the Commission to concur with or amend the proposals as necessary. The RAP should become an effective mechanism for setting priorities for application of limited resources in the program offices. High priority rulemaking activities (such as the Part 35 revision and the regulatory guide for the license termination rule) should not be adversely impacted by the transition.

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(SECY Suspense: Next update of RAP)

4. While the Office of Administration (ADM) will be designated the responsible organization for rulemaking infrastructure, the function of preparing OMB clearances for specific rulemakings should be retained by the program offices. In addition, updating the Rulemaking Activity Plan will be a compiling function for ADM. The responsibility for proposing priorities remains with the Directors of the program offices .

5. The staff should forward the information on staff core capabilities in response to the SRM on SECY-97-075 by the end of January, 1998.

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(SECY Suspense: 1/30/98)

6. The transfer of rulemaking functions, staff and funding to the program offices should be complete by the end of February, 1998.

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(SECY Suspense: 2/27/98)

cc: Chairman Jackson
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SECY NOTE: THIS SRM, SECY-97-220, 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.