

April 27, 1998

MEMORANDUM L. Joseph Callan
TO: Executive Director for Operations
FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: SECY-98-056 - RULEMAKING PLAN: ELIMINATION OF 30-DAY HOLD IN
LOADING SPENT FUEL AFTER PREOPERATIONAL TESTING OF INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL
STORAGE OR MONITORED RETRIEVABLE STORAGE INSTALLATIONS

The Commission has no objections to the proposed rulemaking plan that would eliminate 10 CFR 72.82(e), which required a 30-day hold time after preoperational testing of an independent spent fuel storage installation or monitored retrievable storage installation before spent fuel or high level waste can be loaded into a dry storage cask. The staff should therefore initiate implementation of the plan.

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