

September 4, 1998

MEMORANDUM L. Joseph Callan
TO: Executive Director for Operations
FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-175 - PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR APPENDIX C, "OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST," TO THE ABNORMAL OCCURRENCE REPORT TO CONGRESS

The Commission has disapproved the staff's recommendation to pursue Option 1 and the other options presented in the subject paper. Instead, Appendix C should be retained using the criteria described below to identify events considered for inclusion in Appendix C. When forwarding draft Abnormal Occurrence reports to the Commission for review and approval, the staff should briefly discuss the merits of including each event in the report. The Commission will exercise its collegial process to determine which events are included in the final Abnormal Occurrence report.

The staff should use the following criteria when considering events for inclusion in Appendix C :

Appendix C may include, but not necessarily be limited to, events that do not meet the Abnormal Occurrence criteria but have been perceived by Congress or the public to be of high health and safety significance, have received significant media coverage, or have caused the NRC to increase its attention to or oversight of a program area, or a group of similar events that have resulted in licensed materials entering the public domain in an uncontrolled manner.

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