

September 3, 1998

MEMORANDUM L. Joseph Callan  
TO: Executive Director for Operations  
FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/  
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-188 - A PROPOSED SIMPLIFICATION OF THE RULEMAKING PROCESS FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RULEMAKINGS

The Commission has approved the staff's proposals for simplifying the rulemaking process for certificate of compliance rulemakings for listing storage casks in 10 CFR §72.214. The staff should seek public comments in the Federal Register notice on the first rulemaking regarding its proposal to begin using the direct final rule process for rulemakings of this type. If no negative comments are received on this approach, the staff should begin using the direct final rule approach without waiting for two rulemakings as noted in SECY-98-188.

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(SECY Suspense: 9/25/98)

The Commission commends the staff for reviewing its processes and identifying an area where efficiencies can be gained and resources can be saved for both the NRC and its licensees with no impact on public health and safety.

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