

June 15, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-119 - RULEMAKING TO MODIFY THE EVENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER REACTORS IN 10 CFR 50.72 AND 50.73

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to publish the proposed rule to modify the event reporting requirements for power reactors in [10 CFR 50.72](#) and [50.73](#) in the Federal Register for a 75-day public comment period.

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(SECY Suspense:6/25/99)

The staff should specifically invite public comment and determine the need for reports on historical problems. The staff should also request public comment on applying the three-year limit on written reports to all of the written report requirements for consistency.

The staff should specifically invite public comment on the new requirement to report component problems that significantly degrade the ability to fulfill a safety function and that could reasonably be expected to affect other similar components in the plant. While recognizing members of the staff desire to capture significant degradation with generic implications, this change attempts to define a new threshold for reporting that could be subject to varying interpretations by licensees and inspectors.

cc: Chairman Jackson
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