

January 17, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-00-0210 - DENIAL OF PETITION (PRM 51-7) FOR RULEMAKING TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FROM 10 CFR PART 51 TO CONSIDER SEVERE ACCIDENT MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES IN OPERATING LICENSE RENEWAL REVIEWS

The Commission has approved publication of the Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition in the Federal Register, subject to the attached changes, and issuance of the proposed letter to the petitioner.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 2/16/01)

The staff should look for ways to use the information it has already gathered through the IPE and IPEEE program, as well as other risk-informed activities, to streamline and expedite the plant-specific consideration of SAMAs.

Attachment: [Changes to the Federal Register Notice in SECY-00-0210](#)

cc: Chairman Meserve  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
OGC  
CIO  
CFO  
OCA  
OIG  
OPA  
Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)  
PDR

NOTE: TO BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE LETTER TO THE PETITIONER IS DISPATCHED.

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[ATTACHMENT 1](#)

## Changes to the Federal Register Notice in SECY-00-0210

1. On page 1, line 2, insert a hyphen between '(PRM' and '51-7)'.
2. On page 3, last paragraph, lines 9 through 11, delete everything after 'Addendum 1,' up to '(August 1999).' (Generic Environmental Impact ... Final Report")
3. On page 6, line 1, delete the comma.
4. On page 6, last paragraph, lines 13 and 14, underline the words 'overruled on other grounds by'.
5. On page 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph (Response:), line 4, spell out 'section'. In line 5, underline 'See'.
6. On page 9, footnote 1, lines 2-4, delete both instances of the phrase 'In the matter of'. In line 3, delete period and insert a hyphen between 'ALAB' and '636'.
7. On page 11, at the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraphs, replace 'We do' with 'The Commission does'.
8. On page 13, revise line 1 to read ' ... occur if a risk is permitted **realized, where no increase risk is permitted**, as here, no ....'
9. On page 13, last paragraph, revise line 4 to read ' ... FAA's decision **to permit the new procedure**, in essence, served as ....' Revise lines 15 and 16 to read ' ... the FAA's rule **permitted the use of a new landing procedure** effected changes to ongoing operations at the airport.' Revise line 17 to read ' ... appears that **the current landing procedures** operations at the airport would ....'
10. On page 15, revise line 6 after the indented text to read ' ... Power Company are **not analogous to those presented by** reversed in the context of license renewal.'
11. On page 17, 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, revise line 1 to read 'The Commission ~~does not believe~~ **s that insufficient** the necessary information is ....' In line 8, underline 'Federal Register'. In the last line,

delete the comma.

12. On page 17, last paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> line, provide reference to whom staff discussed the scope of the analysis. If it was discussed among the staff consider replacing 'discussed' with 'considered'.
13. On page 18, 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, line 4, spell out 'environmental reports'.
14. On page 19, 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, line 1, delete 'some'. In line 5, delete 'At this time,'. At the end of the paragraph, add "This position does not alter the conclusion that, in light of margins of safety and defense-in-depth, the likelihood of radiological offsite consequences is small."
15. On page 20, last the lines, delete 'at this time' and the last sentence (If new information in ... the issue.)