

March 31, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-02-0180 - LEGAL AND  
FINANCIAL POLICY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH LICENSING  
NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

The Commission has approved the staff recommendations that:

1. the environmental effects of the production, transportation, and storage of reactor fuel and radioactive waste be reviewed on an application-by-application basis for other-than-LWR applicants;
2. non-electric-utility applicants continue to be required to submit financial qualifications information in accordance with 10 CFR 50.33(f); and
3. the NRC require non-electric-utility applicants to use the options provided in 10 CFR 50.75 to fund decommissioning costs.

The treatment of certain issues will have to conform to Commission guidance, when issued, on such matters as those in SECY-02-0077, Proposed Rule to Update 10 CFR Part 52, "Early Site Permits, Standard Design Certifications and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants."

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