

November 19, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-03-0186 - OPTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NRC DEFERRING ACTIVE  
REGULATION OF GROUND-WATER PROTECTION AT IN SITU  
LEACH URANIUM EXTRACTION FACILITIES

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation in Option 2a. The staff should proceed with development of a Regulatory Issue Summary to inform the public about this proposal and then proceed to develop a memorandum of understanding with each appropriate State. NRC management should ensure the development of these memorandums of understanding involves minimum resource expenditures by both the State and the NRC.

cc: Chairman Diaz  
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