

February 8, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - PERIODIC BRIEFING ON
OPERATING REACTORS AND FUEL FACILITIES, 10:00 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1996, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the status of operating reactors and fuel facilities. The staff reported that work is progressing on management directives related to evaluating the performance of nuclear power reactor licensees and the Senior Management Meeting process, and on a Commission paper which will address issues related to plants on the NRC watchlist. The Commission requested that the staff, in completing these documents:

- 1) clearly communicate the overall plant evaluation process to industry and the public,
- 2) be explicit about NRC assumptions and evaluations for putting a plant on the watchlist or sending a trending letter,
- 3) develop additional structure that can be used to enhance objectivity of problem plant identification,
- 4) address criteria and actions to be taken when a plant remains on the watchlist for an extended period of time,
- 5) incorporate criteria to be used in determining when a plant may be removed from the watchlist,
- 6) conduct an historical review of the indicators of safety performance for those plants that have been placed on the watchlist in the past, and

- 7) continue and accelerate efforts to ensure as much consistency as possible among the Regions in the plant evaluation process.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 5/1/96)

The staff committed to improve methods of assuring that FSARs and SERs are utilized consistently as a basis for conducting inspections and to improve consistency in implementation and oversight of 10 CFR 50.59. The Commission requested a public briefing be held in May to discuss the results of staff's inspection activities on these topics.

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