

July 2, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON PART 100 FINAL
RULE ON REACTOR SITE CRITERIA (SECY-96-118), 3:00
P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1996, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the Final Rule on Reactor Siting Criteria revising the regulations on seismic and geologic criteria and on radiological criteria.

The Commission requested the staff to determine whether the proposed final rule would overrule or conflict with the Commission's decision in Seabrook that emergency planning is not site disqualifying.

(EDO/OGC)

(Secy Suspense: 7/7/96)

The Commission indicated that it looked forward to the work that the staff was doing on the pilot program for applying the new source term to operating plants and asked the staff to come back to the Commission for guidance as it proceeds. The staff should be cautious that they do not proceed down a path of de facto exemptions if rule changes are necessary to allow application of the new source term to operating reactors on a generic basis.

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(Secy Suspense: 11/1/96)

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