November 25, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan

**Executive Director for Operations** 

FROM: John C. Hoyle /s/

SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO A PETITION FOR RULEMAKING RELATING TO

USE OF POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) FOLLOWING SEVERE ACCIDENT AT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, 9:35 A.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1997, COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

ROOM, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; by Mr. Peter Crane, author of a petition for rulemaking (PRM-50-63) on the use of potassium iodide (KI); and by the NRC staff regarding issues associated with a proposed change to the Federal policy on the use of KI as a protective measure for the general public following severe accidents.

The Commission indicated that it would temporarily defer action with respect to resolution of PRM 50-63 (SECY 97-245) and the draft Federal Register Notice on Federal KI Policy (COMSECY-97-028 pending submission by the petitioner of a revision to his petition reflecting the petitioner's comments at the meeting and the staff's subsequent evaluation of the impact of the revised petition on its recommendations as reflected in SECY 97-245.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 12/12/97)

cc: Chairman Jackson

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