

March 31, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF 10 CFR 50.59 ISSUES (SECY-99-054),
2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute on the status of issues relating to 10 CFR 50.59. The Commission notes that the staff supplemented SECY-99-054, "Plans for Final Rule - Revisions to 10 CFR 50, 52, and 72: Requirements Concerning Changes, Tests, and Experiments," on March 12, 1999, indicating that further enhancements to the rulemaking language are being explored. As the staff is currently scheduled to provide a final rulemaking package to the Commission by May 10, 1999, and as the Commission provided feedback on the substance of SECY-99-054 at the Commission meeting, the Commission directs that the staff continue public interactions with stakeholders to continue to develop clear criteria and terminology for the final rule.

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