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FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/


SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS OF URANIUM RECOVERY (SECY-99-011, SECY-99-012, SECY-99-013), 9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1999, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by four separate panels on the status of uranium recovery and associated policy issues. The first panel consisted of the NRC staff. The second panel included representatives from the Department of Energy, the State of Utah (a Non-Agreement State for 11e(2) byproduct material), and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors which also provided the views of the Organization of Agreement States, and an Agreement State - Texas. The third panel consisted of industry groups and included representatives from the Wyoming Mining Association, the National Mining Association, and the Fuel Cycle Facilities Forum. The fourth panel included the counsel for the Southwest Research and Information Center.

The Commission requested the Office of the General Counsel to provide its paper on the concurrent jurisdiction of non-radiological constituents at mill facilities to the Commission as soon as practical.

(OGC)

(SECY Suspense: 8/16/99)

Based on the OGC analysis, the staff should provide its paper on concurrent jurisdictional issues in a timely manner. The Commission will provide its views on [SECY-99-011](#) , [SECY-99-012](#), and [SECY-99-013](#) following receipt and review of this additional paper. In addition, the Commission is considering the issue of alternate feed in its review of LBP-99-5 (Docket 40-8681-MLA-4).

(OGC/EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 10/15/99)

The staff should work with OCA and the corresponding offices in DOE to explore with members of Congress the potential for and timing of legislative changes. The staff should continue to coordinate closely with the EPA-Denver office and EPA Headquarters, including additional discussions at meetings of the Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards, to inform them in detail of NRC staff proposals and solicit input.

The staff should provide an estimate of resources that would be needed to develop and finalize Memoranda of Understanding with EPA and the EPA-authorized states as related to the staff's recommendation for regulations of ground water at ISL facilities.

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(SECY Suspense 10/15/99)

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