

October 16, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES AND STATUS (SECY-02-0169),
9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT
NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on decommissioning activities and status. The Commission commended the staff and emphasized the need to continue to learn from successful decommissioning plans and efforts and, where appropriate, improve guidance in the decommissioning area. The Commission also requested:

1. information on the status of the proposed rulemaking to address the entombment option for power reactors.
2. information on how much was spent on the D and D code and how the code is being used.
3. the Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (NUREG-0586) on decommissioning for power reactors be provided for information.
4. the description of activities in Attachment 7 of SECY-02-0169 on the Parks Township Site to be corrected with respect to the assumption that BWXT will request license termination with restrictions on future land use. The next annual report should provide the status of the Army Corps of Engineers activities at the site.
5. in future submissions of the annual report on decommissioning activities, the staff should present the information on the status of the various sites undergoing decommissioning in a clearer, more standardized format. The staff should discuss with the Commission technical assistants for additional clarification.
6. the staff to consider increasing the number of complex (which includes SDMP) sites to be removed from 1 per year to 2-3 per year to align more closely with staff's prediction presented in Slide 9.

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