

July 5, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Kenneth Raglin  
Associate Director for Training and Development  
Office of Human Resources

FROM: Ashok C. Thadani, Director /RA/ Margaret V. Federline for  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

SUBJECT: RISK SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY COURSES

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- I agree with the NMSS comments provided to you in Bill Kane's June 9, 2000, memorandum, particularly with respect to prerequisites and the location of the course. We should try to have the course taught here, if possible, or at least close by. Also, would the course be given at night or during the day?
- No cost information was provided for the courses. Given the limited training funds in RES, we need to discuss how to fund such courses, particularly if a class is scheduled exclusively for NRC.

We will be available to work with you and other interested offices to help bring about a reasonable plan for making these courses available to NRC staff. Please contact C. Kasputys of my staff (415-6662).

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