

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

February 14, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: James.M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON GOVERNORS'
CERTIFICATION OF LOW LEVEL WASTE SITES,,
10:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1990,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on the status of Governors' certifications that their States will be capable of providing for and will provide for the storage, disposal or management of any low level radioactive waste generated in the States and requiring disposal after December 31, 1992. The Chairman commended staff for its rapid processing of the Governors' certifications and encouraged the staff to:

1. Continue monitoring state progress in developing new waste disposal facilities and proactively resolve emerging issues to ensure protection of public health and safety. This includes fulfilling NRC's obligations for maintaining a stable regulatory framework and for timely completion of licensing actions to support State programs for low level waste management.
2. Carefully evaluate the implications of the information contained in the certifications on NRC's regulatory program for low level waste management.
3. Enhance NRC support for the Agreement State programs to ensure safe management and disposal of low level waste.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Commission agreed that:

1. The staff should ensure that in the process of preparing guidance on on-site storage of low-level waste by NRC licensees and in evaluating such proposed storage, licensees be advised that the Commission will not look favorably upon long-term on-site storage beyond January 1, 1996;
2. The staff should submit a paper to the commission evaluating the issues raised by the provision requiring transfer of title to low-level waste, the advantages and disadvantages of various conceptual approaches to implementing this provision, and a schedule for proceeding with the necessary regulations or regulatory guidance so that the framework for implementing this provision will be in place by January 1, 1993; and
(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 6/30/90)
3. The staff should continue to apprise the commission of the status of discussions with the State of Illinois on the State's proposed 1 millirem standard.

cc: Chairman Carr
Commissioner Roberts
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