

January 17, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-00-0210 - DENIAL OF
PETITION (PRM 51-7) FOR RULEMAKING TO DELETE THE
REQUIREMENT FROM 10 CFR PART 51 TO CONSIDER
SEVERE ACCIDENT MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES IN
OPERATING LICENSE RENEWAL REVIEWS

The Commission has approved publication of the Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition in the Federal Register, subject to the attached changes, and issuance of the proposed letter to the petitioner.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

2/16/01)

The staff should look for ways to use the information it has already gathered through the IPE and IPEEE program, as well as other risk-informed activities, to streamline and expedite the plant-specific consideration of SAMAs.

Attachment: Changes to the Federal Register Notice in SECY-00-0210

cc: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
OGC
CIO
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OCA
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OPA
Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)
PDR

**NOTE: TO BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE
LETTER TO THE PETITIONER IS DISPATCHED.**

Changes to the Federal Register Notice in SECY-00-0210

1. On page 1, line 2, insert a hyphen between '(PRM' and '51-7)'.
2. On page 3, last paragraph, lines 9 through 11, delete everything after 'Addendum 1,' up to '(August 1999).' (Generic Environmental Impact ... Final Report")
3. On page 6, line 1, delete the comma.
4. On page 6, last paragraph, lines 13 and 14, underline the words 'overruled on other grounds by'.
5. On page 8, 2nd paragraph (Response:), line 4, spell out 'section'. In line 5, underline 'See'.
6. On page 9, footnote 1, lines 2-4, delete both instances of the phrase 'In the matter of'. In line 3, delete period and insert a hyphen between 'ALAB' and '636'.
7. On page 11, at the start of the 1st and 2nd full paragraphs, replace 'We do' with 'The Commission does'.
8. On page 13, revise line 1 to read ' ... occur if a risk is ~~permitted~~ **realized, where no increase risk is permitted**, as here, no'
9. On page 13, last paragraph, revise line 4 to read ' ... FAA's decision **to permit the new procedure**, in essence, served as' Revise lines 15 and 16 to read ' ... the FAA's rule **permitted the use of a new landing procedure** ~~effected changes to ongoing operations~~ at the airport.' Revise line 17 to read ' ... appears that **the current landing procedures** ~~operations~~ at the airport would'
10. On page 15, revise line 6 after the indented text to read ' ... Power Company are **not analogous to those presented by** ~~reversed in the context of license renewal.~~'
11. On page 17, 1st full paragraph, revise line 1 to read 'The Commission ~~does not~~ believes **that insufficient** ~~the necessary~~ information is' In line 8, underline 'Federal Register'. In the last line, delete the comma.
12. On page 17, last paragraph, 1st line, provide reference to whom staff discussed the scope of the analysis. If it was discussed among the staff consider replacing 'discussed' with 'considered'.
13. On page 18, 1st full paragraph, line 4, spell out 'environmental reports'.
14. On page 19, 1st full paragraph, line 1, delete 'some'. In line 5, delete 'At this time,'. At the end of the paragraph, add "This position does not alter the conclusion that, in light of margins of safety and defense-in-depth, the likelihood of radiological offsite consequences is small."
15. On page 20, last the lines, delete 'at this time' and the last sentence (If new information in ... the issue.)