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

June 16, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for operations

William C. Parler, General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS -ON STATUS OF
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM, 9:30 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1989,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The commission was briefed by the staff on the status of the technical specifications improvement program for improving operational safety at nuclear power plants.

The commission encouraged the staff to continue working with industry toward adopting a uniform standard for performing safety evaluations under the 10 CFR 50.59 regulation.

The Commission also cautioned the staff not to divert the present high caliber staff working on the technical specification improvement program to cover "brush fires" and thereby sacrifice the momentum developed in this important safety enhancement program.

commissioner Carr requested the staff to provide the number of technical specification changes submitted by licensees and the number approved by the staff under the line-item improvements review program.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense: 7/21/89)

Commissioner Rogers requested the staff to continue efforts to develop and implement the risk based technical specification program and to consider ways to link such a program at power plants. The staff offered to brief the commission on this program at a later date after the program is sufficiently developed.

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Subsequent to the meeting, the Commission requested the staff,
in coordination with OGC, to address if a licensee's
implementation of the new standard technical specifications
involves a significant hazards evaluation.
(EDO/OGC) (SECY Suspense:9/29/89)

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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