

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555 175

May 20, 1988

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIE STATUS OF
OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION 2:00 P.M.,
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1988, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission* was briefed by the staff on the status of its reactor operator requalification examination program.

The Commission requested a status briefing after the five pilot programs have been completed and the staff has conducted a public meeting to discuss the experiences gained from the pilot programs.

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(SECY Suspense: 9/88)

The Commission requested an options paper on the following initiatives:

1. The staff's review and assessment of alternatives to further improve the operator requalification examination program. The alternatives need not be limited to the present regulations and should include the FAA testing concept, requalifying the site in lieu of each operator, and other concepts which could reduce the number of individual operator examinations administered by the NRC. Resources required to implement each option should be discussed.

*Commissioners Roberts and Bernthal were not present.

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2. The staff's review and assessment of alternatives to further enhance the credibility of NRC's license examiners.- including methods to obtain/retain experienced NRC examiners (such as a more vigorous recruiting effort, enhanced pay scales for NRC examiners, etc.) and contracting NRC examiners from the cadre of recently retired SRO-licensed industry personnel.

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cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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