

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

July 25, 1988

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

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON MATTERS OF
COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN AND NRC AND EPA IN THE
REGULATION OF RADIOLOGICAL HAZARDS, 10:00
A.M., FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1988, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the staff on issues of common interest between the NRC and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the regulation of radiological hazards.

EPA representatives responding to Commission questions were:

- Floyd Galpin
Office of Radiation Protection
- James Macris
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

The Commission expressed its desire for the staff to obtain EPA's comments and concerns, if any, over the staff's proposed definition of below regulatory concern. The Commission requested this issue be of high priority at both the NRC and EPA. Should the staff believe that a Commission letter requesting EPA to elevate the priority of this issue is warranted, the staff should propose such a letter to the Commission.

Chairman Zech requested the staff to continue its close working relationship with EPA and to keep the Commission apprised on matters before the two agencies. Where there is dual jurisdiction between the NRC and EPA, the staff should strive to accomplish NRC's and EPA's regulatory mission without seeking legislative action.

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Chairman Zech also requested the staff to closely interact with the Department of Energy in the areas of mill tailing sites and high level waste. He requested the staff to be mindful of consistency among government agencies and in meeting legislative schedules.

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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