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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-03-0025 - UTAH  
ALTERNATIVE GROUNDWATER PROTECTION STANDARDS;  
PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE  
STANDARDS PROVISION IN SECTION 274o OF THE ATOMIC  
ENERGY ACT OF 1954, AS AMENDED

The Commission has approved the staff's interpretation of what is meant by an "alternative standard" in Section 274o of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the staff's proposal for processing the State of Utah's request to use alternative standards, and the staff's initial determination that Utah's proposed alternative standards for groundwater protection standards are equivalent or more stringent than those in the NRC's regulations for the same purpose.

cc: Chairman Diaz  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
Commissioner Merrifield  
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