

August 25, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Brooke P. Clark, Director
Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-15-0088 – SELECTION OF
PRESIDING OFFICER FOR MANDATORY HEARINGS
ASSOCIATED WITH EARLY SITE PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR MEDICAL
ISOTOPE PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION FACILITIES

The Commission has approved the recommendation to delegate to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel mandatory hearings associated with early site permit applications.

The Commission has agreed to conduct mandatory hearings associated with construction permit applications for medical isotope production and utilization facilities. These hearings will likely involve novel issues and unique technology matters that are best addressed by the Commission.

The Panel should follow the direction contained in CLI-05-17, as that direction seems to have served the NRC well in the past.

In preparation for the proceedings associated with construction permit applications for medical isotope production and utilization facilities, the staff should follow Chapter IV of the Internal Commission Procedures, "Conduct of Mandatory Hearings on Applications for Combined Licenses," to the extent practical. After the first medical isotope facility mandatory hearing, which will be conducted using those procedures, OCAA should examine the Commission's current mandatory hearing procedures.

The staff requirements memorandum for this paper should be made public to provide timely notice of the Commission's decision to the applicants and staff involved in ESP application and medical isotope production and utilization facility reviews.

cc: Chairman Burns
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Commissioner Ostendorff
Commissioner Baran
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