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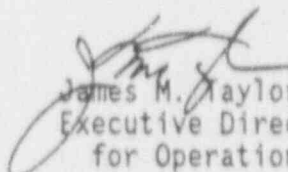
May 15, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert M. Bernero, Director  
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety  
and Safeguards

FROM: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO INITIATE RULEMAKING WITH  
RESPECT TO UNANNOUNCED SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS

This memorandum is in response to your April 21, 1992 request for approval to initiate a rulemaking to amend 10 CFR Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Material" and 10 CFR Part 74, "Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material." Approval is hereby granted to initiate the subject rulemaking. The proposed schedule for publication of the Final Rule is eight months from when approval is obtained to initiate the rulemaking. Please inform me promptly if circumstances arise which jeopardize your ability to complete this rulemaking on that schedule.

  
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Executive Director  
for Operations

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