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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commissioner Zech

FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: SECY-85-150 - FINAL POLICY STATEMENT ON ENGINEERING
EXPERTISE ON SHIFT

This memorandum responds to your request of May 14, 1985, for additional information from the staff and NUMARC on SECY-85-150, the "Final Policy Statement on Engineering Expertise on Shift." The staff forwarded your five questions to E. J. Ferland, Chairman, NUMARC Working Group on Engineering Expertise on Shift, for their response. Enclosed is their June 13th letter that provides responses to each of your questions.

The staff agrees with NUMARC's statements. However, while INPO has established training guidelines and criteria for accreditation, they have not established minimum formal educational prerequisites as requirements. Utility training programs are evaluated by INPO against INPO's accreditation criteria, as detailed in "The Accreditation of Training in the Nuclear Power Industry," INPO-85-002, January 1985. However, that document also states: "...if the objective is met, it is not essential that all accreditation criteria be fully met." The staff is evaluating the effectiveness of INPO accreditation in accordance with the Commission's Policy Statement. The staff believes that experience should be gained with the accreditation program before reaching conclusions on the effectiveness of INPO's guidelines and criteria.

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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Enclosure:
June 13 letter from E. J. Ferland

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