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PROPOSED MINUTES/SUMMARY OF THE
STATE OF NUCLEAR POWER SAFETY
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 1985
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Subcommittee Report on the State of Nuclear Power Safety. Full Committee action was also discussed.

Meeting Attendees

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W. Kerr, Chairman
H. Lewis, Member
C. Michelson, Member
G. Reed, Member
A. Cappucci, Staff

Highlights, Agreements, and Requests

1. Draft 2 of the report was discussed. This report was a shorter version of Draft 1 and incorporated comments previously offered by Dr. Shewmon. Subcommittee comments are as follows:

° Dr. Lewis agreed with the general approach of the draft report but expressed concerns that the bureaucracy at NRC is and would become more rigid and get further away from plant safety. He used the Davis Besse loss of feedwater event and its subsequent investigation as an example.

° Mr. Reed stated that it was a tremendous challenge to write this kind of a report. He suggested that the report should cover more than generalities but should also address certain "cosmic" issues and discuss their status relative to nuclear safety. Two examples he cited were the selection and

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motivation of nuclear power plant personnel and the entire valve issue.

- ° Mr. Michelson expressed his concern that obtaining Committee consensus would be very difficult because of the wide range of opinions on the Committee relative to the state of nuclear safety.
 - ° Dr. Kerr indicated that there was no clear consensus for a complete report among the Subcommittee members. He suggested that the first few paragraphs of Draft 2 commenting on the general level of safety be maintained with some modification. He also suggested adding a paragraph stating that recent operating experience suggests potential problems which should be dealt with quickly. It would also state that the Committee couldn't reach consensus on one or two issues but would contain one issue from each Committee member (most important issue).
2. The Subcommittee agreed with Dr. Kerr's recommendations and with Dr. Kerr preparing a Draft 3 for discussion with the Committee on October 11, 1985.