

May 15, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON PRA
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 4,
1996, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by the NRC staff on the PRA implementation plan.

The Commission requested that the staff provide the following supplemental information.

1. The staff should prepare a policy paper, with recommendations, addressing the resolution of the four emerging policy issues identified in its March 26, 1996 memorandum regarding: 1) the role of performance-based regulation in the PRA Implementation Plan; 2) plant-specific application of safety goals; 3) risk neutral vs increases in risk; and 4) changes to risk-informed inservice testing (IST) and inservice inspection (ISI) requirements, for Commission decision prior to the staff's issuance of any final safety evaluation, position, or guidance. However, the Commission does not wish to inhibit any dialog with the public or industry on the resolution of these issues. The bases as well as pros and cons of alternatives should be included.
2. The staff should provide an update on the implementation and use of subsidiary safety goal objectives including any plans for their use in Standard Review Plans (SRPs) and Regulatory Guides (RGs).
3. The staff should clarify how it intends to address uncertainty in the implementation of risk-informed and performance-based regulation.

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The IPE reviews and pilot applications should be reviewed for any lessons that may be applicable to the development and use of SRPs and RGs.

The use of expert judgment, such as is being applied in the high-level waste area, should be considered as a source of useful guidance to the expert panels in the maintenance rule.

The staff is requested to keep the Commission informed of significant policy issues relevant to risk-informed initiatives.

cc: Chairman Jackson
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Dicus
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