September 3, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan

Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-97-156 -

APPLICATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT-WIDE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS AND NRC ENFORCEMENT POLICY ON LICENSEE INTEGRITY ISSUES TO AGREEMENT STATE PROGRAMS

The Commission has approved the staff's plans to summarize the preliminary recommendations in the subject paper, transmit it to the Agreement States, and make it available for public review and comment. After receipt and resolution of comments, the staff should submit final recommendations to the Commission for approval. The Commission also approves staff's plan to contact the Agreement States to confirm that conflict of interest requirements are in place in each Agreement State. Staff should inform the Commission of the results of the survey and identify any concerns that result from the survey.

Question one on page 5 of the paper should be changed as follows. "Does the integrity issue have an impact on the adequacy of the current radiation control program, or does it have the potential to have an impact on the ability of the Agreement State to maintain an adequate and compatible radiation control program?" The staff should also consider and make a recommendation to the Commission on whether Agreement State conflict of interest rules and their enforcement should be reviewed routinely under IMPEP rather than addressed only "as they arise on a case-by-case basis."

(EDO)(SECY Suspense:4/3/98)

cc: Chairman Jackson

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