MEMORANDUM TO: Jesse L. Funches
                 Chief Financial Officer

FROM: John C. Hoyle /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: COMSECY-98-003 - FY 1999 PERFORMANCE PLAN

The Commission approved the FY 1999 Performance Plan, subject to the editorial changes provided in the enclosure to this memorandum and the following comments:

- The performance plan does not adequately address the strategic arenas of public confidence and excellence. Although these goals are overarching principles that are integrated into all agency strategies, rather than discrete program activities, the performance plan should be consistent with the Strategic Plan. A more complete discussion of the relationship of public confidence and excellence should be included in the document to communicate to the Congress and the public that NRC continues to remain committed to the Strategic Plan goals.

- The performance plan should reflect that goal achievement for certain substrategies related to reactor and non-reactor decommissioning will depend on the enactment of legislation that would eliminate the overlap in standard setting authority of the NRC and EPA with regard to Atomic Energy Act sites and materials sites by recognizing the NRC's and Agreement States standards in these areas. To accomplish this end, the Commission has proposed in the enclosure to this memorandum specific language from the Strategic Plan in the form of a footnote to be added to pages 4, 24, and 54 of the Performance Plan.

The staff is directed to revise the Performance Plan to reflect these comments and the enclosed editorial changes, as well as perform a thorough quality assurance review of the document prior to publication and submission to the Congress.

        (CFO)   (SECY Suspense: 2/23/98)

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        Commissioner McGaffigan
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