

October 8, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: L. Joseph Callan  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION SESSION, 11:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1997, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

**I. SECY-97-201 - Changes to Paragraph (h) of 10 CFR Part 50.55a, "Codes and Standards"**

The Commission approved issuance of a direct final rule to incorporate by reference a national consensus standard in 10 CFR 50.55a(h) which establishes minimum functional and design requirements for the power, instrumentation, and control portions of safety systems for nuclear power plants. The staff should publish the proposed rule and the direct final rule in the Federal Register and allow for a 75 day comment period before the final rule becomes effective.

The staff should amend the Congressional Letters to include the first sentence from the Discussion section of SECY-97-201 at the end of the first paragraph to acknowledge the statutory mandate for this approach.

**II. SECY-97-203 - Sequoyah Fuels Corporation & General Atomics; Docket No. 40-8027-EA; LBP-95-18 and LBP-96-24, Memoranda and Orders (Approving Settlements)**

The Commission approved an order responding to appeals which challenged the settlement agreements in the cases of Sequoyah Fuels (LBP-95-18) and General Atomics (LBP-96-24). In earlier orders (CLI-96-3 and CLI-97-1), the Commission had granted the intervenors' petitions for review and all parties filed briefs with the Commission regarding both LBP-95-18 and LBP-96-24.

The Commission approved the attached order (as provided to the Commission in the Cordes Memorandum dated October 1, 1997 and modified by the editorial changes from the Commission) accepting the staff's settlements with Sequoyah Fuels Corporation and General Atomics and rejecting the intervenors' arguments for setting aside the settlement agreements.

(Subsequently, on October 8, 1997 the Secretary signed the Order.)

Attachment: As stated

cc: Chairman Jackson  
Commissioner Dicus  
Commissioner Diaz  
Commissioner McGaffigan  
EDO  
OGC  
CIO  
CFO  
OCAA  
OCA  
OIG  
Office Directors, Regions, ACRS, ACNW, ASLBP (via E-Mail)  
PDR - Advance  
DCS - P1-17