

January 27, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Frank Congel, Director
Incident Response Division

FROM: Michael F. Weber, Director /RA by Robert C. Pierson Acting For/
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
and Safeguards

SUBJECT: REVISION OF RTM-96 AND RCM-96

In response to your memorandum of January 6, 2000, I am designating William Troskoski, in our Operations Branch, to serve as our technical point of contact for FCSS on issues involving incident response. Mr. Troskoski can be reached at 415-8076 (E-mail: WMT).

In addition, we have the following comments on RTM-96 and RCM-96:

1. Staff anticipates receiving a license application for a Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication facility in the foreseeable future. There may be chemical, criticality, radiological, fire, and environmental issues associated with this facility, not already covered in RTM-96 or RCM-96, and which will require appropriate additions to these documents, based upon appropriate analyses.
2. The following specific changes to RTM-96 are suggested:
 - a. Include a new section for fuel cycle in RTM-96, to include the type of accident that occurred at Tokaimura, Japan. (This is the most likely safety-significant accident that could occur at fuel facilities, not involving UF6.)
 - b. Section B - The emergency classification levels for fuel cycle facilities are different from the ones for reactors. It is important to identify the differences, especially in terms of definition and assessment methods.
 - c. Section E - This section needs revision to reflect current methods for UF6 release assessment.
 - d. Sections F, G, and H - Should we consider the potential chemical dose as the result of a radiological event?
 - e. Section P - Revise this section, as appropriate, on classification, UF6 release assessment, etc.

- f. Section Q - As in Section B, we need to be sensitive to some differences between fuel cycle facilities and reactors; especially, regarding the different definitions of emergency classification levels.
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