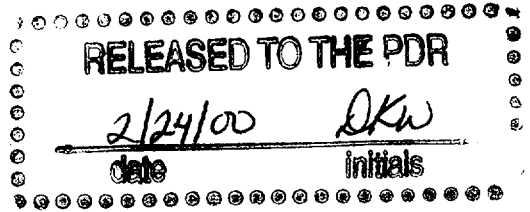




UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary *Annette Vietti-Cook*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: SECY-99-244 - LOCATION OF THE
NRC'S TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER AND APPROPRIATE
NUMBER OF SIMULATORS

After carefully considering the staff proposals contained in SECY-99-244 and the views of the staff of the Technical Training Center, the National Treasury Employees Union, the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the Tennessee Congressional delegation, the Commission has decided to retain all four current simulators and to move the Technical Training Center (TTC) from its current location in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to a location in close proximity to the NRC headquarters on a schedule consistent with the staff's proposal in option 4 of the paper. In reaching this decision, the Commission recognizes that all four simulators, the TTC as an organization, and the TTC staff are valuable agency resources that will continue to be needed in the future as the industry and the NRC proceed with license renewal and other regulatory initiatives. The Commission also believes, however, that an already excellent NRC training program can be improved by co-locating the TTC in the headquarters area to ensure that these NRC assets are utilized to their fullest potential. The staff is therefore directed to take the following actions:

maintain a small staff in Chattanooga during FY 2001-mid FY 2003 for implementation of simulator training;

complete the relocation of the other TTC staff members to the headquarters area by end of FY 2001;

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 09/28/2001)

move all four simulators and remaining TTC staff members to the headquarters area by the middle of FY 2003 depending on the availability of space;

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 03/14/2003)

ensure, as a very high priority, that the implementation of the move does not impose any unnecessary personal burdens on the TTC staff by taking appropriate measures to meet transitional needs of the TTC employees and their families;

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: As appropriate)

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develop appropriate administrative and management controls to ensure that training disruptions at the new location are minimized;

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 09/24/2002)

develop a comprehensive, integrated training plan that links the abilities needed to implement the NRC mission to training course offerings and that takes advantage of the availability of key program office personnel to enrich the TTC course offerings; and

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 09/29/2000)

pursue with the General Services Administration as a very high priority a location for the TTC at or very near the White Flint Site.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: 09/29/2000)

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