

May 8, 1998

MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan  
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: SECY 98-030 - IMPLEMENTATION OF DSI 22 RESEARCH

The Commission approved the following staff recommendations with respect to implementation of the following Direction Setting Issue 22 (DSI 22) activities:

- the activities meeting the definition of the term "confirmatory research" and currently being performed by the program offices, as described in attachment 3 to SECY-98-030, should be transferred to the Office of Research.
- at this time, consolidation of specialized expertise in a single office should not be undertaken for the six technical areas considered candidates for consolidation and evaluated by the staff (Thermal Hydraulic, Fuels, and Severe Accident Analysis; Review of Vendor Thermal-Hydraulic and Fuel Codes; Performance of High-Burnup Fuels; Earth Sciences; Human Factors; and Participation in High Level Committees within ASME and Other Standards Developing Organizations).
- the current Generic Safety Issue Program responsibilities and processes should be maintained. The Office of Research will provide the Commission an annual summary of activities related to open GSIs beginning in June 1998.

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(SECY Suspend: 6/30/98)

The Commission also requested that the staff provide an update on the status of the transfer of rulemaking functions, including the transfer of staff and funding.

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(SECY Suspend: 6/30/98)

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