MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers

**Executive Director for Operations** 

FROM: Andrew L. Bates, Acting Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-99-195 - NOTATION VOTE ON AN EXEMPTION FOR

DECOMMISSIONING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SITES WITH DECOMMISSIONING PLANS UNDER NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REVIEW AND ELIGIBLE FOR GRANDFATHERING, PURSUANT

TO 10 CFR 20.1401(b)(3)

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to issue an exemption to 10 CFR 20.1401(b)(3), extending the August 20, 1999, deadline to August 20, 2000, as described in SECY-99-195.

The issuance of the exemptions should not be carried out by Orders, as the paper suggests, but rather by issuance of letters to licensees informing them of the exemption granted.

The Commission reiterates its concern expressed at the July 29, 1999, Commission meeting regarding the need for timely notification of the Commission when difficulties are encountered by the staff in carrying out agency policies and meeting Commission requirements.

cc: Chairman Dicus

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