

**[DOE MEMORANDUM]**

DATE: December 13, 1996  
REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: Office of Nuclear Safety Policy and Standards:M. Haughey:903-2867  
SUBJECT: Response to August 28, 1996, Comments on Proposed Nuclear Safety Management Rules  
TO: Victor Stello, Jr.  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Safety and Quality, DP-2

In August 1996, my office made available a copy of the most current draft of the proposed 10 CFR Part 830 Nuclear Safety Management rules. In a letter dated August 28, 1996 you provided comments to the draft rules from your organization and a number of field organizations. As a result of those comments, as well as considerations involving new initiatives in response to Defense Nuclear Facilities Board Recommendation 95-2, our office and the Office of General Counsel have held a series of discussions to determine the appropriate nuclear safety management rule requirements. Those discussions are now substantially complete allowing us to respond to your comments.

On November 18, 1996, Willie (Bill) Hensley of your staff indicated that the major comments in your memorandum are contained in the first attachment to the memorandum. He further stated that the field comments were captured in those major comments. At Bill's suggestion we have focused on those comments.

We appreciate your efforts to provide feedback on the proposed rules and hope that our responses clarify the intent and purpose of the proposed rules.

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Attachment

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