

May 15, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Samuel J. Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Ashok C. Thadani, Director **/RA/**
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN GENERIC ISSUE REVIEW PANEL

In accordance with Draft Management Directive (MD) 6.4, "Generic Issue Program," a Generic Issue Review Panel will be formed to discuss the candidate Generic Issue entitled "Potential Risk and Consequences of Heavy Load Drops in Nuclear Power Plants." We are proposing the following panel members and requesting your agreement for participation of the NRR individuals:

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Harold Vander Molen	RES/DSARE/REAHFB
Ronald Lloyd	RES/DSARE/REAHFB
Brian Thomas	NRR/DSSA/SPLB
Michelle Hart	NRR/DSSA/SPLB
Jay Lee	NRR/DSSA/SPLB
Clifford Munson	NRR/DE/EMEB

Panel membership has been discussed with your staff. An initial orientation meeting was held on May 1, 2000, to discuss the processes that are contained in MD 6.4 for addressing generic issues. An initial panel meeting has been scheduled for May 23, 2000.

As part of the panel meeting, a decision will be made whether the candidate generic issue should be pursued further, and if so, to what extent. With assistance from panel members, the Panel Chairman will document any recommendations for further actions. Also, at that time, the level of effort for future involvement by the panel will be determined, and you will be notified.

The draft MD assigns an appropriate office director (e.g., generally the RES office director for reactor issues) the responsibility of forming the review panel. A lesson learned from this trial application of the MD is that the formation of the review panel could be delegated to a lower level in the organization.

If you have any questions regarding participation of your staff on the Generic Issue Review Panel, please feel free to contact me, Jack Rosenthal, or Ronald L. Lloyd, 415-7479 of my staff.

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