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MEMORANDUM TO: Howard F. Bundy, Senior Operations Engineer
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FROM: Ellis W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator */RA/*

SUBJECT: DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEW CONCERNING THE FREQUENCY
OF PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION INSPECTIONS

This is in response to your June 7, 2000, memorandum on the subject in which you indicated that my response to your Differing Professional View (DPV) did not adequately address your principal concern. You also provided additional information on specific issues, requested that the DPV be forwarded to the EDO in accordance with Management Directive 10.159, and that the records related to this DPV be made publicly available.

I have scheduled a meeting with you, as a group, on June 13, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. I view this meeting as an opportunity for me to gain a better understanding of the additional information you have provided and of your basis for disagreement with the resolution of your DPV.

If subsequent to our June 13, 2000 meeting, you believe that the DPV should be addressed as a Differing Professional Opinion (DPO), then I direct your attention to Management Directive 10.159, Handbook paragraph (C)(1) Submittals, which states, in part, that "the formal DPO review process may be initiated . . . by submitting a written statement to the EDO" and "DPO submittals must meet the same criteria established for the submittal of a DPV . . .". At that time, I will implement paragraph (B)(6) of the Handbook, which requires that I forward the original case file along with a statement of views on the unresolved issue(s) to the EDO. In the interim, I have initiated an action to make the records related to the DPV publicly available, as you requested, in accordance with Management Directive 10.159.

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