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MEMORANDUM TO:	John H. Flack, Chief Regulatory Effectiveness Assessment and Human Factors Branch
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FROM:	Richard J. Barrett, Chief /RA/ Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch Division of Systems Safety and Analysis
SUBJECT:	CONSEQUENCE CALCULATIONS FOR DECOMMISSIONING PROBABILISTIC RISK ASSESSMENT

Research Request

As discussed in the August 10, 2000, task force meeting, we would like to show the reduction in the consequences of a spent fuel pool (SFP) fire as a function of time after shutdown. We expect that certain consequence measures will drop off rapidly within the first few years (due to decay of ruthenium) and that after 5 years the consequences would be driven by cesium, which has a much longer half-life. The impact of various evacuation assumptions would need to be assessed as part of these calculations since early evacuation, which is not generally expected in a large seismic event one year after shutdown, would become increasingly likely in later years when release times exceed 1 day even under adiabatic heat up conditions.

We request that the consequence calculations be performed for 30 days, 90 days, and 1, 2, 5, and 10 years after shutdown based on the assumptions below. As a separate action, we are developing estimates of the frequency of a SFP fire at these times. Thus, in addition to displaying the reduction in consequences with time, we will be able to show the reduction in risk (frequency x consequences) with time.

Reactor:	3440 MWth at Surry site with Surry population
Release Fractions:	0.75 iodine and cesium, 0.75 ruthenium, 0.01 fuel fines (i.e., the same as Case 45b)
Fission Product Inventory:	Determine values at 30 days, 90 days, and 1, 2, 5, and 10 years after shutdown based on participation of 3.5 cores
Plume Model:	Same as used in Appendix 4 calculations, unless RES believes modifications are appropriate
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