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MEMORANDUM TO Thomas P. Gwynn
Deputy Regional Administrator
Region IV

FROM: William Dean, Chief **/RA/**
Inspection Program Branch
Division of Inspection Program Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REPORTS TITLED TWO RELIABILITY STUDIES:
COMBUSTION ENGINEERING AND BABCOCK & WILCOX
REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEMS, 1984-1998 (DRAFT)

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In an effort to efficiently utilize inspection resources the Inspection Program Branch requests Region IV to be primarily responsible for performing the detailed review of the subject report, including collection of comments from other Regions. It is understood that the primary Region IV contact for this task is Mr. Phil Harrell, who can be contacted at (817) 860-8250.

Resource allocation should not exceed 4 person-days, for Region IV and 1 person-day for each other Region. The TAC/ITS for this review is MA9982. In order to support the plans for an RES meeting on November 8, 2000, Region IV is requested to provide comments by E-mail directly to the RES contact Mr. Marcel Harper at (301) 415- 6344, E-mail @ MRH1 prior to October 27, 2000. Formal written comments are requested prior to November 10, 2000. Other Regions should support Region IV accordingly.

Questions regarding the review activity, including, extensions and coordination of the review inputs should be directed to the NRR contact, Tom Foley at (301) 415-1036, E-mail @ TXF1.

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