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**Subject:** NAC-UMS RAI response and staff SER schedule

Bill: NAC has committed to responding to our RAI's by **July 31, 2000**. Details follow on pertinent aspects of developing a schedule from here, with key dates in bold. The intent of this e-mail is to provide you information that you could discuss with IMNS regarding a rulemaking schedule, as you had asked:

Conference call was held with NAC today. They discussed their intention to limit the scope of the changes necessary by: (1) Eliminating the BWR contents aspect from the reduced heat loads request, and (2) establish the 23 kw case as the case for PWR which provides the bounding temperatures for all components, even for reduced heat loads.

NAC still has their hands full dealing with question 4-6, and the results of that analysis, we suspect, will have an impact on the component temperatures (and hence vacuum drying times and helium backfill times). In general, however, their planned approach appears to be a good effort to simplify the bounding cases.

NAC thus **verbally committed** to providing responses to our 6/29/00 RAI's by **July 31, 2000**.

I then discussed the SFPO schedule with Earl, Eric and Jack.

The SFPO template for conducting a "moderate complexity" Part 72 review allots 30 days to complete the final review and provide SER input to the PM. Ron will be on leave for 2 weeks in August, after the RAI response is received. Thus, Ron has agreed to provide the **SER input to me (PM) by September 11, 2000** (4 weeks review time and 2 weeks of leave). Assuming a PM prep time of 1.5 weeks, and a 1.5 week issuance of Proposed CoC/SER time, I propose a **date of 9/29/00 for forwarding the Proposed SER/CoC to IMNS for rulemaking**. Using the standard "IMNS rulemaking" time frames, assuming SFPO and IMNS division concurrence one week (10/6/00) after the proposed SER is forwarded; the 75 day public comment process would start mid-Feb, 2001, and end at the end of April, 2001; SFPO resolution of public comments would be completed by the end of June, 2001; **EDO approval would be end of August, 2001**; Publication in the Federal Register would be end of September, 2001.

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