

March 2, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Jesse Funches
Chief Financial Officer
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FROM: Michael L. Springer, Director
Office of Administration
SUBJECT: OPERATING STARFIRE IN THE NRC ENVIRONMENT

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Our staffs met on January 16, 2001, to discuss your concerns about our ability to support the electrical power for STARFIRE, in particular when running the Payroll application. We informed your staff that we have never experienced an unplanned, extended power outage. The outages we have experienced are of short duration and within the capability of the Uninterruptible Power Supply Units (UPS) dedicated to the computer room in each building. We recently completed an overhaul of each UPS unit, and they have been certified to be in a good state of operation by the manufacturer's representative. In addition, we have budgeted for the replacement of these UPS units in FY 2004 to coincide with the manufacturer's recommended replacement schedule.

At the January 16th meeting, we asked for detailed information on the equipment associated with the Payroll application so that we can inform your staff of the length of time the UPS will power the STARFIRE system and recommend options for extending the performance period. We received that information on February 23, 2001, and are evaluating it. The results will be shared with your staff. The consensus of opinion of those at the meeting was that, in the event of an unusual extended power outage, the Agency should have a contingency plan to operate the Payroll application from an off-site location, and we understand that this is being addressed by your staff.

The Office of Administration is committed to supporting the STARFIRE system, and we are available to address other issues you may have.

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