

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

August 23, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr.
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON STATUS,
RESULTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF B&W REASSESS-
MENT, 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1988,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE
FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by executives from the Babcock & Wilcox Owners' Group (BWOOG) and the staff on the status and results of the safety and performance improvement program for reactors manufactured by the Babcock & Wilcox Company.

Presentations by the BWOOG were made by:

- Richard Wilson
Vice President, Technical Functions
GPU
Member of BWOOG Executive Committee
- Bert Simpson
Director, Nuclear Site Support
Florida Power Corporation
Member of BWOOG Executive Committee

Chairman Zech, in reference to the BWOOG effort to reduce the frequency of unplanned reactor trips, stressed to the BWOOG the importance of not discouraging the reactor operators from initiating a SCRAM when they believe the plant is operating in an unsafe condition. The BWOOG should, therefore, assure that the reactor operators recognize that while their action may add to the total SCRAM data, it is their responsibility to assure safe operation of their plant and are not discouraged from manually initiating a reactor SCRAM when observing a potentially abnormal operating condition.

Chairman Zech also requested the BWOOG to reconsider certain recommendations made by the staff and emphasized by the ACRS relating to NRC Bulletin IEB 79-27, "Loss of Non-Class 1E Instrumentation and Control Power System Bus During Operation."

Chairman Zech requested the staff to ensure that the BWOOG adequately addresses the staff and ACRS recommendations relating to IEB 79-27.

Commissioner Rogers requested the staff, when reviewing the implementation program of the BWOOG recommendations, to verify timely implementation of those recommendations made by plant operators.

Commissioner Rogers also emphasized the importance for the staff to develop inhouse expertise necessary to review the BWOOG advanced instrumentation and control system.

cc: Chairman Zech
Commissioner Roberts

Commissioner Carr
Commissioner Rogers
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