

From: George Hubbard *NRR*
To: Gary Holahan *NRR*
Date: Fri, Apr 21, 2000 12:06 PM
Subject: TWG Extension request

Gary,

I have attached the extension request for the Green Ticket and the Final Report. Based on our conversation earlier, I have changed the request to a two month extension; however, Glenn and I are meeting with Joe at 1:30 today to discuss the work he needs to do. We will be discussing whether we can do the work in two months if we put more resources on the effort. Also, Glenn and I want to make sure there are not some other issues out there waiting to be discovered which would lead to another request for extension at a later date.

I let you know after our meeting whether two months is good so that you can send the request to Blaha today. I understand you also need to copy Margo and T.J. Carter on any request.

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CC: Glenn Kelly, John Hannon, Joseph Staudenmeier, Michael Masnik, Richard Barrett, Stuart Richards, William Huffman

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Request for Extensions

G20000194 - Due to EDO 5/15/00

Response to ACRS Letter to Chairman commenting on "Draft Final Technical Study of Spent Fuel Pool Accident Risk at Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants."

An extension of three weeks to respond to the ACRS letter is requested to ensure that the response will adequately address the issues raised. Due to the technical nature of the issues, the additional time is needed to review and evaluate recently available technical information which is relevant to some of the concerns raised. These data will allow the response to be more focused and complete.

WITS Item: 199900132 - Due to Commission May 30, 2000 (EDO May 23, 2000)

Chairman's Tasking Memorandum

IV. Topic Area: Other Agency Programs and Areas of Focus

G. Decommissioning Regulatory Improvements

Milestone 2. Technical Staff to finalize decommissioning spent fuel pool draft study and risk objectives that can be used for decommissioning regulatory decision making.

A two month extension in finalizing the draft report is requested to provide an in-depth discussion of the issues raised in the ACRS Letter to the Chairman. The additional time will be used to do additional work in the area of consequence analysis and thermal hydraulic calculations.

While an extension is being requested, we believe the principal findings of the report remain valid and there is no effect on the timing or content of rulemaking. Development of rulemaking is proceeding as scheduled based on the assumption that there the principal findings remain valid.