

May 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Samuel J. Collins, Director, NRR  
Ashok C. Thadani, Director, RES  
Martin J. Virgilio, Director NMSS

FROM: Joseph A. Murphy, Chairman **/RA/**  
Committee To Review Generic Requirements

SUBJECT: VALUE ADDED TO THE STAFF PROPOSALS REVIEWED  
BY THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS  
IN THE PAST ONE YEAR

In response to the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM), dated April 18, 1997, on SECY-97-052, "Committee To Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) Scope of Review and Periodic Review Activities," this memorandum invites your input regarding CRGR review of the staff proposals sponsored by your office from June 2000 through May 2001. The 1997 SRM directed that:

"...in assessing whether the associated costs are commensurate with the significance of issues raised by the CRGR, staff's summaries or evaluations should be from those stakeholders (i.e., program offices) that have had issues before the CRGR for review, and considers [sic] elements such as: the percentage of original staff proposals that were fundamentally flawed due to technical, procedural, or legal deficiencies, or flawed with respect to policy when presented to the CRGR and the significance of issues raised compared to impact on schedules and resources expended to address those issues. This process should be provided for Commission consideration."

The attachment contains a list of the topics reviewed by the CRGR between June 1, 2000, and May 31, 2001. Specifically, your feedback on the staff proposal sponsored by your office should include the following information:

- (1) Your assessment of the "value added" by the CRGR review (e.g. improvement in the quality of the product from the standpoint of underlying safety concerns and backfit considerations, completeness, and consistency with the Commission's policies, rules, and regulations).

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**LIST OF TOPICS REVIEWED BY THE CRGR  
BETWEEN JUNE 1, 2000, AND MAY 31, 2001  
(CRGR Meeting Numbers 358 through 363)**

**CRGR Meeting No. 358 (August 22, 2000)**

C. Carpenter (NRR) - 10 CFR 50.59, "Changes, Tests, and Experiments" rulemaking

Final Regulatory Guide 1.187 (DG-1095), "Guidance for Implementation of 10 CFR 50.59, Changes, Tests, and Experiments"

NEI 96-07, Rev. 1, "Guidelines for 10 CFR 50.59 Evaluations"

NRC Inspection Manual Part 9900, "10 CFR 50.59 Changes, Tests and Experiments"

**CRGR Meeting No. 359 (September 12, 2000)**

M. Masnik (NRR) - Regulatory Guide 1.184 (DG-1067), "Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors"

Regulatory Guide 1.185 (DG-1971), "Standard Format and Content for Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report"

**CRGR Meeting No. 360 (November 21, 2000)**

CRGR members - Discussion of licensee and industry comments about backfitting

**CRGR Meeting No. 361 (December 12, 2000)**

C. Grimes (NRR) - Briefing on license renewal guidance

E. Murphy (NRR) - RIS 2000-22, "Issues Stemming from NRC Staff Review of Recent Difficulties Experienced in Maintaining Steam Generator Tube Integrity"

**CRGR Meeting No. 362 (March 12, 2001)**

J. Hannon (NRR) - Draft final Regulatory Guide 1.189 (DG-1097), "Fire Protection for Operating Nuclear Power Plants"

**CRGR Meeting No. 363 (May 21, 2001)**

B. Boger (NRR) - 10 CFR 55, "Operators' Licenses" eligibility and use of simulation facilities in operator licensing

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