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SUBJECT: STEAM GENERATOR ACTION PLAN - COMPLETION OF ITEM
NOS. 1.5, 1.13, AND 2.7 (TAC NO. MB0258)

As discussed in the Steam Generator (SG) Action Plan dated November 16, 2000 (ADAMS Accession No. ML003770259), completion of each of the major milestones in the action plan is to be documented by a memorandum/report provided by the lead division to the associate directors in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). This memorandum documents completion of milestone Item Nos. 1.5, 1.13, and 2.7 as described below.

Item No. 1.5 Staff review of ACRS recommendations on DPO and develop detailed milestones and evaluate impact on other action plan milestones. Invoke PBPM process, as appropriate.

This milestone was completed by a revision to the SG Action Plan that was issued via a memorandum from S. Collins and A. Thadani to W. Travers dated May 11, 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML011300073).

The action plan revision dated May 11, 2001, included detailed milestones (Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.11) to address the conclusions and recommendations of a report issued by an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). The ACRS report, NUREG-1740, "Voltage-Based Alternative Repair Criteria," dated February 1, 2001, was prepared as part of the process to resolve a differing professional opinion (DPO) on SG tube integrity issues.

As discussed in Attachment 2 of the SG action plan revision dated May 11, 2001, the staff reviewed the new milestones to determine issues that represented new work versus work that is currently budgeted. Resource estimates were prepared and the impact of performing the new work was assessed. Further assessment of the new work will be performed by NRR management as part of the planning, budgeting, and performance management (PBPM) process.

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