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From: Jack Strosnider
To: A. Randolph Blough, Brian Sheron, Pete Eselgroth, William Ruland
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Subject: Re: research letter — on IP2 S/g's

Randy, et. al.,

fyi - a memo has been drafted by NRR describing how we plan to deal with the RES independent assessment. Basically, it will be considered along with the results of NRC inspection efforts at the site, the results of the licensees' tube examinations, the licensees' root cause determination, etc. in a lessons learned review. The memo is intended to be signed out to the EDO this afternoon. The plan is to make the RES memo and the NRR memo to the EDO public at the same time. Everyone on the IP2 COMMS AIT GROUP is on distribution for the NRR memo (which will have the RES memo attached). This memo should provide a consistent response to any public inquiries.

thx,

Jack

>>> A. Randolph Blough 03/16 1:02 PM >>>

Today, thadani answered collins' request for assistance on IP2 S/G's with a memo that is slated to go to PDR and will make a giant splash when it does.

While it finds favorably about some aspects of the staff's actions, it is highly critical about the licensee's 1997 "operational assessment" (ie, look-ahead to the cycle ahead) which answered the staff RAI. **It calls Coned's 1997 assessment "weak and incomplete."**

Also, it is **highly critical of the NRC staff's safety evaluation**, essentially asserting that the staff's SE is not fully supportable by the licensee's submittal.

Finally, it concludes that RES, "believes that a more thorough operational assessment of these forms of degradation **would have predicted an increased probability of tube leakage** (emphasis added) or rupture by the end of cycle 14."

This will be public as soon as ADAMS processes it. Marie is bringing copies around to key managers. I believe the Comms Team (or subgroup) needs to meet on an emergency basis to discuss our strategy for responding to stakeholder queries.

randy

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