

Office of the Executive Director for Operations
Items of Interest
Week Ending April 6, 2001

Startup of D.C. Cook, Units 1 and 2 Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) Dispositioned

On April 2, 2001, the Executive Director for Operations (EDO) dispositioned a DPO regarding the startup of D.C. Cook, Units 1 and 2. The filer of the DPO identified two concerns: (1) agency policy with respect to guidance in GL91-18 "Information to Licensees Regarding NRC Inspection Manual Section on Resolution of Degraded and Nonconforming Conditions," and (2) acceptability of the Licensee's Analyses of CEQ Fan Room Walls. The Ad Hoc DPO Panel concluded that the staff's actions were reasonable and appropriate from both process and technical perspectives and that the licensee's commitments for its corrective actions is consistent with the guidance in GL91-18, Revision 1. The EDO agreed with the panel's conclusions and recommendations. The EDO determined that the issues that were raised in the DPO were adequately dispositioned and considers the DPO to be closed.

The Ad Hoc DOP Panel also made several recommendations regarding level of detail and possible inconsistencies in agency documentation, that were identified during the panel's review. These recommendations will be evaluated to determine what changes, if any, are warranted.

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