Region III Items of Interest Week Ending September 22, 2000

Region III Resolves a Differing Professional View

Region III resolved a Differing Professional View regarding the operability of the fan room wall at D.C. Cook Unit 2. The filer raised two concerns related to the operability of the containment wall. The first concern focused on the technical aspects of the licensee's operability evaluation of the wall which concluded that the design margin of the wall was adequate to support restart. The second concern questioned the appropriateness of applying the criteria of Generic Letter 91-18 to the degraded wall to permit restart. The Regional Administrator agreed with the ad hoc DPV panel that the actions taken by the NRC staff were appropriate from both the technical and process perspectives. He also agreed with the panel's recommendation that the NRC staff engage the licensee to firm up a schedule for the completion of corrective actions on the degraded wall.