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MEMORANDUM TO Thomas P. Gwynn, Deputy Regional Administrator

Region IV

FROM: Michael R. Johnson, Chief /RA/

Inspection Program Branch

Division of Inspection Program Management

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REPORTS TITLED DRAFT REPORT "OPERATING

EXPERIENCE ASSESSMENT - SWITCHGEAR FIRES IN

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS 1988-2001"

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In an effort to efficiently utilize inspection resources, the Inspection Program Branch requests Region IV to be responsible for performing the detailed review of the subject report, including collection of comments from other Regions. It is understood that the primary Region IV contact for this task is Mr. Phil Harrell, who can be contacted at (817) 860-8250.

Resource allocation should not exceed 4 person-days for Region IV and 1 person-day for each of the other Regions. The TAC/ITS for this review is MB3031. In order to support the plans for RES to issue the final report by November 30, 2001, Region IV is requested to provide comments by E-mail by October 26, 2001. Follow-up written comments should be forwarded by November 9, 2001. Other Regions should support Region IV accordingly.

Questions regarding the documentation of time allocations for reviews, extensions and coordination of the review inputs should be directed to the NRR contact, Tom Foley at (301) 415-1036.

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