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October 24, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Ellis W. Merschoff /**RA/ 10/24/01**
Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE BACKFIT CLAIM

In accordance with Management Directive 8.4, "NRC Program for Management of Plant-Specific Backfitting of Nuclear Power Plants," I am informing you of our intention to convene a backfit panel in response to a letter from Craig R. Anderson, Vice President, Operations, Arkansas Nuclear One, dated September 28, 2001. At issue is a recent baseline triennial fire protection inspection finding involving the separation requirements associated with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2. A backfit panel is scheduled for October 26, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. EDT, and will include participants from Region IV, Office of General Counsel, and Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The purpose of the panel is to review the licensee's position and determine if the NRC imposed a regulatory staff position interpreting Appendix R, Section III.G.2 that was either new or different from a previously applicable staff position. This finding, described in ANO Triennial Fire Protection Inspection Report 50-313;-368/2001-06, has been forwarded to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in Task Interface Agreement 01TIA11, for a Phase 3 significance determination.

I will forward the results of the Arkansas Nuclear One backfit panel to you, upon its completion. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

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