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To: Correia, Richard *NRJ*
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Subject: Re: Fwd: 4th try at Q1 Response

Rich.

Revised version is attached.

Mike

>>> Richard Correia 06/20/01 09:19AM >>>
Mike,

Steve sent this to Jon instead of you. I called him and he said he would fix the error but his next message was to Pat and me only so I'm not sure you ever got his re-write of the answer to the question on risk/ROP. I've read it and it appears reasonable to me but its your call.

Rich

CC: Coe, Doug; Long, Steven

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However, the issue raised by this question might be more important for other cases where the individually-evaluated risk estimates for the separate findings are not so significant. For example, in some circumstances, the combined risk of two "white" findings or a "white" and a "yellow" finding could exceed the threshold for "red" significance. The ROP Action Matrix was designed to determine the appropriate NRC response when multiple issues exist. The current SDP procedures were revised to make it clear that it is our intent to consider the combined risk effects of concurrent conditions to the extent it is feasible to do so. Although the staff does not expect the regulatory response in most cases to differ whether multiple issues are treated independently or in combination, as experience is gained with the ROP and available risk tools, process enhancements will be considered to help address this potential concern. For the present, it is our intent to consider these issues on a case-by-case basis.