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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. William D. Beckner, Chief, Technical Specifications Branch,
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Wayne L. Schmidt, Senior Reactor Inspector, Region I

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Division of Reactor Projects, Region IV

FROM: Ellis W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator
/RA by THOMAS P. GWYNN for/

SUBJECT: AD HOC PANEL ASSIGNMENT - DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEW

You are hereby appointed to the Ad Hoc Panel established to review a differing professional view (DPV). As you know, I place great value on the diverse views of our employees and their ability to bring those views forward in a non-threatening environment. Your participation in the DPV process should be taken very seriously; this tasking demands your very best effort and personal attention.

A copy of the DPV is attached for your information and use. Dr. William D. Beckner is hereby appointed panel Chair and will report to me for all matters related to this DPV. Kriss Kennedy has been selected by the initiator of the DPV to serve on the panel.

You are hereby instructed to perform your activities in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Management Directive 10.159, Differing Professional Views or Opinions, as supplemented by Region IV Policy Guide 3002, Differing Professional Views or Opinions. A copy of the policy guide is attached. Any questions concerning the proper implementation of the management directive should be discussed with Ms. Pamela Easson, Office of Human Resources. Since this DPV relates to NRC inspection program policy, you should feel free to contact the program office for information and to clarify policy matters. I have forwarded a copy of the DPV to Mr. William R. Borchardt of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for information.

In accordance with MD 10.159, you are tasked to review the DPV and make recommendations to me for its resolution. The ad hoc panel review is a high priority task. Your first function, to

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be completed by November 23, 2001, is to determine whether sufficient documentation was provided, by the initiator, for the panel to undertake a detailed review. Once that task is complete, you are to complete your review and make recommendations to me by December 26, 2001. I understand that, since this task extends across the holidays and the panel members may already have leave planned, some extenuating circumstances may exist that could impact your completion date. Please advise me, in writing, as soon as possible concerning your projected actual completion date.

I would be pleased to discuss any questions you may have concerning this task.

Attachments: As stated

cc w/o Attachment:

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