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December 21, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Patricia G. Norry, Deputy Executive Director for Management Services

FROM: Ellis W. Merschoff, Regional Administrator */RA/*

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF DELAY IN DISPOSITIONING A DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEW

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of a delay in dispositioning a differing professional view (DPV) submitted to me on November 9, 2001. This notification is required by Management Directive 10.159 if the disposition of a DPV will not occur within 60 calendar days.

As stated, a DPV was received by me on November 9, 2001 concerning the performance of Significance Determination Process (SDP) Phase 2 Analyses. This DPV was sufficiently complex to necessitate a panel chair and majority of the members to be selected from the program office, NRR. This arrangement, along with the pace of operations at the NRC related to the war on terrorism, and the end of year holiday season has resulted in the need to slip the schedule about 3 weeks, to January 31, 2002. I have discussed this delay with the submitter and he agreed that a 3 week delay was appropriate considering the circumstances.

If you have any further questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

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