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TALKING POINTS FOR 3/7 CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

BIG PICTURE

- * • FEB 15, 2000 IP-2 TUBE FAILURE WAS A RESULT OF INEFFECTIVE INSPECTION METHODS USED BY THE LICENSEE AND FAILURE BY THE LICENSEE TO RECOGNIZE AND TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT THIS CONDITION.
- * • NRC REVIEW OF CON-ED REQUEST TO EXTEND THE INSPECTION INTERVAL WAS NOT THE CAUSE OF THE TUBE FAILURE
- * • NRC DID MISS AN OPPORTUNITY FURTHER PURSUE THE ISSUE OF U-BEND DEGRADATION WITH THE LICENSEE - THE OUTCOME OF WHICH IS UNCERTAIN
- CONSISTENT WITH NRC'S ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES i.e., COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE, WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN OUR OWN PROCESSES e.g., THROUGH OUR REQUEST TO RES FOR AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW, OUR LESSON LEARNED TASK FORCE AND OUR SG ACTION PLAN
- * • OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE THAT INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR TUBE FAILURES

EVENT SIGNIFICANCE

- * • NO ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES ON HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC
- * • DID NOT VIOLATE SAFETY GOALS IN STRATEGIC PLAN
- WAS SIGNIFICANT IN CONTEXT OF THE ROP PROCESS

CONTEXT

Regulatory Process.
Defense-in-depth.

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NRC REVIEW OF CON-ED LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST

- MISSED OPPORTUNITY
 - * July 29, 1997 inspection summary report identified a row 2 apex U-bend crack
 - * May 12, 1999 RAI response could have been further pursued

- NOT A PROGRAMMATIC BREAK DOWN
 - * Existing procedures were followed
 - * Appropriate level of review was applied relative to the finding that NRC was asked to make i.e., extended inspection interval, quality of inspection data was not the subject of the amendment request/staff review

- APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT WAS NOT THE CAUSE OF THE TUBE FAILURE

- NONETHELESS, WE ASSESSED FOR LESSONS LEARNED
 - * Consistent with our organizational values
 - * Improvements have been and will continue to be made, reference LLTF & SG action plan

RES INDEPENDENT REVIEW

- REQUESTED BY NRR - REFLECTS OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE SELF CRITICAL
- IDENTIFIED MISSED OPPORTUNITY

OIG EVENT INQUIRY

- ISSUED ON AUGUST 29, 2000

- OIG FINDINGS ADDRESSED IN LESSONS LEARNED TASK FORCE REPORT, COMMISSION PAPER ADDRESSING THE OIG REPORT (NOVEMBER 3, 2000), AND THE STEAM GENERATOR ACTION PLAN

LESSONS LEARNED TASK FORCE

- CHARTER ISSUED ON MAY 24, 2000
- FOCUSED ON REGULATORY PROCESS AND IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT BY NRC AND INDUSTRY
- ALSO REVIEWED OIG EVENT INQUIRY
- CONCLUDED NO SAFETY CONCERNS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION
- IDENTIFIED AREAS FOR POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN NRC AND INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES

ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE IP-2 EVENT

- **NEAR TERM**
 - * RIS ISSUED (2000-22 Nov 3, 2000)
 - * GUIDANCE DRAFTED AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SG REVIEWERS
 - * OUTAGE CONFERENCE CALLS INCLUDE QUESTION ON LICENSEE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO IP-2 EVENT
 - * EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL WEB PAGES
 - * REORGANIZATION - FROM 2 TO 3 SECTIONS
 - * MARCH 2001 STEAM GENERATOR WORKSHOP
 - * EPRI GUIDELINES UPDATED; INTERIM "NOISE" GUIDELINES ISSUES
 - * NEI ISSUED LESSONS LEARNED LETTER (OCT 16, 2000)
 - * IMPROVED ECT QUALIFIED (HIGH FREQ PROBE) AND USED BY INDUSTRY

- **STEAM GENERATOR ACTION PLAN**
 - * ISSUED NOVEMBER 16, 2000
 - * INTEGRATES ALL SG ACTIVITIES: REVIEW OF NEI 97-06, LLTF RECOMMENDATIONS, GSI 163, OIG REPORT, DPO
 - * ENSURES ALL ISSUES ARE TRACKED AND DISPOSITIONED
 - * GOAL IS TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE OUR PROCESSES