

May 20, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Samuel J. Collins, Director, NRR
Ashok C. Thadani, Director, RES
Martin J. Virgilio, Director, NMSS

FROM: Charles E. Ader, Chairman **/RA/**
Committee To Review Generic Requirements

SUBJECT: VALUE ADDED TO THE STAFF PROPOSALS REVIEWED
BY THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC REQUIREMENTS
IN THE PAST ONE YEAR

In response to the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM), dated April 18, 1997, on SECY-97-052, "Committee To Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) Scope of Review and Periodic Review Activities," this memorandum invites your input regarding CRGR review of the staff proposals sponsored by your office from June 2001 through May 2002. The 1997 SRM directed that:

"...in assessing whether the associated costs are commensurate with the significance of issues raised by the CRGR, staff's summaries or evaluations should be based on a process that, in part, incorporates input from those stakeholders (i.e., program offices) that have had issues before the CRGR for review, and considers elements such as: the percentage of original staff proposals that were fundamentally flawed due to technical, procedural, or legal deficiencies, or flawed with respect to policy when presented to the CRGR and the significance of issues raised compared to impact on schedules and resources expended to address those issues. This process should be provided for Commission consideration."

The attachment contains a list of the topics reviewed by the CRGR between June 1, 2001, and May 31, 2002. Specifically, your feedback on the staff proposal sponsored by your office should include the following information:

- (1) Your assessment of the "value added" by the CRGR review (e.g., improvement in the quality of the product from the standpoint of underlying safety concerns and backfit considerations, completeness, and consistency with the Commission's policies, rules, and regulations).

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- (2) The staff efforts expended in addressing CRGR comments and recommendations, excluding the time required for OGC and program office re-concurrence.
- (3) Impact on schedule, if any, and
- (4) Your assessment of the significance of the issues and associated costs in terms of overall impact on schedules and resources.

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**LIST OF TOPICS REVIEWED BY THE CRGR
BETWEEN JUNE 1, 2001, AND MAY 31, 2002
(CRGR Meeting Numbers 364 through 372)**

CRGR Meeting No. 364 (July 2, 2001)

- A. Hiser (NRR) - Proposed Bulletin, "Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Control Rod Drive Mechanism Penetration Nozzles"

CRGR Meeting No. 365 (October 11, 2001)

- A. Hiser (NRR) - Discussion on the results of the staff's Bulletin 2001-01, "Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Control Rod Drive Mechanism Penetration Nozzles"

CRGR Meeting No. 366 (December 18, 2001)

- J. Wigginton (NRR) - Final Rule, "Revision of the Skin Dose Limit," 10 CFR Part 20
- A. Roecklein (NRR)
- A. Markley (NRR) - Discussion on draft rulemaking on 10 CFR 50.44, "Standards for combustible gas control in light-water-cooled power reactors"
- CRGR members - Discussion on industry feedback from the November 27, 2001, Nuclear Energy Institute Licensing Forum breakout session on backfitting

CRGR Meeting No. 367 (February 26, 2002)

- P. Qualls (NRR) - Discussion on staff guidance provided to NRC inspectors on evaluating reliance on manual actions and the Nuclear Energy Institutes' concerns about that guidance; and the NRR response to those concerns

CRGR Meeting No. 368 (March 18, 2002)

- K. Karwoski (NRR) - Proposed Bulletin 2002-01, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity"

CRGR Meeting No. 370 (April 23, 2002)

- B. Richter (NRR) - 10 CFR 50.75 Rulemaking on Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors; RG 1.159 Rev. 1

CRGR Meeting No. 371 (April 30, 2002)

- S. Aggarwal (RES) - Draft RG 1.53 Rev 1 (DG-1118) "Application of Single Failure Criteria To Safety Systems"

CRGR Meeting No. 372 (May 6, 2002)

CRGR members - Discussion of NRR response to NEI and the NEI request to appear before the CRGR