

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Eber R. Price, Assistant Director
Division of Licensing and Regulation

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FROM : ~~James E. Turner~~ ^{ET} James E. Turner, Health Physicist
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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE TESTING REACTOR REPORT WTR-49

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 18 to Dr. Western requesting our comments on the biological implications of the subject report.

The report states (page 26) that the effects of the incident "were not measurable off the WTR site". The results presented in the report gave no detectable activity above background off site immediately following the failure. The bioassay samples from persons on site at the time of the failure were reported to be all negative. Decontamination has apparently been successfully carried out. On the basis of what is presented in the report, we conclude that the incident was of no significance to the health and safety of the public.

CC: Dr. Western

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