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A telecon was held between EMCB and the Davis-Besse licensee on Thursday, November 14. The purpose of the call was to summarize the staff's assessment of the Davis-Besse bulletin response.

The staff pointed out that (1) DB is a high susceptible plant per the bulletin; (2) 11 of the 13 high susceptible plants have performed inspections per the bulletin and 10 of these have found cracks; and (3) the 6 other B&W plants have performed inspections and found cracks. Three of the six B&W plants have found circumferential cracks.

Based on this information, we informed the licensee that we believe there is a reasonable likelihood that DB currently has multiple cracks in the VHP nozzles and that one or more may be circumferential. We informed them that we could not make an independent assessment of the VHP nozzles based on the photographs and videotapes from previous refueling outages. In addition, we informed them that their PSA was not sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of VHP nozzle integrity through March 2002.

In conclusion, we informed the licensee that based on the information available, we cannot reconcile the inspection results described above and that the only means to provide reasonable assurance of VHP integrity would be to perform the inspections as recommended in the bulletin. We also stated that any future discussions or submittals should focus on how the licensee considers DB to be unique or distinguished from the other, high susceptible facilities.

Separately, and apparently unrelated, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company announced yesterday that the DB VP, Guy Campbell, will be reassigned as the Perry VP effective December 24, 2001. Howard Bergendahl, currently the DB plant manager, will become the new DB VP. John Wood, currently the Perry VP, will assume the new position of VP Engineering Services for the FirstEnergy plants (DB, Perry, and Beaver Valley).

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