

From: Stacey Rosenberg , EDO
To: Brian Sheron
Date: 11/15/01 10:25AM
Subject: Re: Follow-up Question - CRDM

Brian,

Yes, please respond via e-mail and include myself, Joe Shea, and the other Commissioner TAs (Rick Croteau, Jim Beall, Darrell Roberts, Mike Tschiltz, Tom Hiltz) on CC.

Thanks,
Stacey

>>> Brian Sheron 11/15/01 08:06AM >>>
We have answers to these questions. Do you want me to resond?

>>> Brian McCabe 11/15/01 07:03AM >>>
Joe/Stacey

Good morning. I appreciated the staff's briefing yesterday on CRDM cracking. They've obviously worked very hard on this difficult issue, and the inspection results at some of the plants indicate that this cracking issue clearly needs to be addressed by licensees in a prompt manner.

I have been following the staff's position on this issue, but I have not been following the licensee's arguments very closely. Thus, I have two related questions that are somewhat similar to one asked yesterday by Jim Beall. My questions are:

1) The staff issued Bulletin 2001-01 on August 3, 2001. In short, the result of that bulletin, in part, was that the High Susceptibility plants either shutdown by December 31st to inspect or demonstrate to the NRC why it is ok to operate beyond December 31st. Implied in that statement is that the NRC has a safety basis to allow plants to operate approx 5 months (Aug 3 - Dec 31) at full power (high temperature). Has either DB or DC Cook made the argument that they support the NRC's safety basis allowing operation for 5 months, and that since August 3rd the plant has been shutdown for x days/weeks for maintenance... and thus, given the NRC's safety basis, their date for shutdown should be December 31st + x days/weeks?

2) What would the staff's position be if a licensee pursued such a course?

Thanks again

Brian

CC: Joseph Shea

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