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Summary from Stu Rubin of a call he had with Kevin Borton this week:

In a phone call this morning with Kevin Borton he informed me that the SSC white paper would be about 2 weeks later than indicated in their November response to Tom King's letter. Also the containment white paper would be delayed from about the 2nd Quarter of CY 2002 to the end of the year. This is due to the fact that there are significant efforts underway in RSA to re-assess the containment design including the number of modules in a PBMR plant. This means that the containment white paper will come in after the source term white paper. However, the source term white paper might slip too. He described the white paper delivery schedule as "fluid" with some moving back in the schedule with others perhaps moving up earlier in the schedule. When he gets back from RSA he wants to come in and discuss the current schedule situation. I note that the continuing slippages in schedule illustrate the continuing difficulty in putting together a PBMR project review schedule.

They are also working on rewriting the white papers and slides that we found did not meet the regulatory standards for withholding from public disclosure. They expect a delay in getting the revised papers/slides back within the 30 days that we had allowed them and they will need an extension. Also they found some technical errors in the first white paper on HTR fuel history and were looking to enhance the QA review on these papers in the future so that they would not have a repeat.

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