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MEMORANDUM FOR: Faust Rosa, Chairman  
Fire Protection Working Group

FROM: Richard H. Vollmer, Chairman  
Fire Protection Policy Steering Committee

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP

At the first meeting of the Fire Protection Policy Steering Committee, the Committee assigned action tasks to the Working Group. The purpose of this memo is to provide better focus on the Working Group assignments as a result of the second and third Committee meetings.

The Working Group's first priority should be the revision of the enclosure to the Generic Letter discussed at the fire protection workshops. This package should include answers to the questions posed by industry and revision of the "interpretations" section to utilize clarifying aspects of the DPO and to emphasize the level of fire protection expected by staff guidance, e.g., Generic Letter 83-33, and the documentation necessary to demonstrate equivalence to staff guidance. This package should not contain any new guidance and should be internally consistent and consistent with the Committee's proposed policy on the "interpretations." To the extent possible criteria acceptable to the staff should be clearly identified. This package should be available for Committee review by October 12 and whatever efforts are necessary to meet this date should be expended.

Bill Shields will prepare a draft of the Generic Letter in which he will lay out the elements for expediting Appendix R implementation. It will discuss the proposed policy on schedular exemptions, the proposed augmentation of plant inspections, and indicate generally what is expected of licensees and what enforcement action may occur. In addition, it was agreed that the 50.48 schedule expiration for each plant would be indicated.

The item of next priority is the development of an inspection plan which would accomplish the objectives of a "helpful" inspection. That is, in a one week, four-man inspection, we need to find out how the licensee is approaching his Appendix R implementation, the status of the plant with respect to compliance, and plans and schedules for complete implementation. This inspection should identify improper paths being taken by the licensee, and allow the staff to assess current fire protection safety and need for any plant specific enforcement action.

Finally, the Working Group should compare fire protection requirements for ORs and NTOLs and work on any outstanding technical issues. The outline

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you provided of the Working Group's program review appears far too ambitious in view of current time and resource constraints. We should discuss this further at our October 10 meeting in Atlanta.



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