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From:John Hannon , HGTo:Ogle, Charles R. R2Date:8/5/02 4:49PMSubject:Re: MANUAL ACTIONS

Understand. We are planning a dialogue on our strategy for dealing with this subject at the next DIPM counterpart conference call, scheduled for 2 pm this coming Friday. The discussion will lay out our plans for rulemaking, an interim enforcement guidance policy statement, and inspection guidance clarification. Stay tuned.

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>>> Charles R. Ogle 08/05/02 04:37PM >>> John, I spoke to Leon and Phil about inspection/processing of manual actions in 3.G.2 areas earlier today. This e-mail is a followup to that conversation.

It came up during our mid-cycle meetings today that the Agency might consider promulgating a RIS or other generic communication on this issue. We have come across a situation involving this issue in a recent inspection and the report I am getting from the inspectors is that the licensee was not up to speed on all that had transpired in this area between the NRC and NEI. A piece of generic communications could help avoid this in the future and get all the licensees on the same page. It would also get us out of the mode of getting the word out to the licensees through enforcement; a process which has been historically rather clumsy.

Additionally, Leon/Phil told me that you all are considering issuing guidance to the inspectors on processing these sorts of issues. That would be welcome in the engineering branch down here that does FP inspections. We'd like to make sure that we are properly handling these issues when they are identified.

Thanks.

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