

January 28, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Hubert T. Bell
Inspector General

FROM: Richard H. Wessman, Director */RA/*
Division of Incident Response Operations
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

SUBJECT: DRAFT REVISED MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 8.2, "NRC INCIDENT
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