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MEMORANDUM TO: Charles E. Ader, Chairman  
Committee to Review Generic Requirements

FROM: Daniel M. Gillen, Chief  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WAIVE REVIEW OF PROPOSED ERRATA  
SHEET FOR REGULATORY GUIDES 1.184, AND 1.185.

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The April memorandum is attached, as are annotated copies of both Regulatory Guides. The proposed changes reflect a November 2002 Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities (NUREG-0586, Supplement 1). The NUREG Supplement considers technological advances in decommissioning operations, experienced gained by operators of nuclear power plants, and changes made to NRC regulations since the 1988 GEIS. The scope of the referenced NUREG was determined through four public meetings in 2000 and other meetings with federal agencies and the nuclear industry.

The Supplement is intended to be used to evaluate environmental impacts during the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors as residual radioactivity at the site is reduced to levels that allow for termination of the NRC license. The Supplement updates sections of the 1988 GEIS related to pressurized water reactors, boiling water reactors, and multiple reactor stations. Additionally, the Supplement considers the existing permanently shut down high-temperature gas-cooled reactor and fast breeder reactor.

As discussed with your staff, we are requesting to waive CRGR review of the errata sheets for Regulatory Guides 1.184 and 1.185. In support of this request, it is noted that the information contained in these documents does not involve a backfit, and the GEIS Supplement was prepared to broaden the applicability of the NUREG, and therefore provide more useful, less restrictive generic guidance than the original.

Attachments: As stated (3)

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