

February 23, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: William D. Travers */RA/*
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL REPORT - STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
DAVIS-BESSE LESSONS LEARNED TASK FORCE REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of this memorandum is to forward for your information the second semiannual report of the status of implementation of the Davis-Besse Lessons Learned Task Force recommendations. The implementing plan was forwarded to the Commission in my memorandum dated March 10, 2003.

All high-priority activities scheduled during this period were completed. Some action plan target dates for future activities were revised and some new milestones were added. Several lower-priority items were also completed, but some that were initially scheduled during this period were rescheduled in accordance with the agency's Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Management process.

Activities addressing stress corrosion cracking included continued monitoring of outage inspection results pursuant to Order EA-03-009, which established interim inspection requirements for reactor pressure vessel heads, following up with plants discovering defects, and evaluating requests for alternatives to the Order. A revision to the Order in February 2004 incorporated common issues from numerous approved relaxation requests.

The staff plans to incorporate the inspection requirements for reactor pressure vessel heads and vessel head penetration nozzles contained in the Order into Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.55a. Development of a plan and technical basis for this rulemaking was deferred to allow the staff to concentrate on evaluating the results of current inspections, to process a change to the Order, and to develop additional generic communications that address emerging issues, such as leakage in pressurizer heater nozzles. The interim inspection guidelines continue to provide adequate protection. We expect to submit a rulemaking plan for Commission approval by June 2004.

The interoffice Operating Experience Task Force, under the guidance of an executive Steering Committee, completed its comprehensive assessment of the agency's operating experience

CONTACT: Brendan Moroney, NRR/DLPM
415-3974

function and documented its recommendations in a report to the Steering Committee in November 2003. The Steering Committee forwarded the report to line management in January 2004 with instructions to develop an implementation plan.

Inspection program guidance was revised to address the high-priority recommendations regarding follow-up to long-standing equipment issues and oversight of plants in extended shutdowns. Enhancements to inspector training programs were initiated. Guidance was issued regarding providing adequate documentation of decisions to allow deviations from generic communication recommendations.

Several research studies were initiated to address recommendations regarding barrier integrity requirements.

Separate task forces are addressing two medium-priority recommendations. One task force is addressing the recommendation to conduct a follow-on verification of licensee actions in response to previous generic communications. A second task force is addressing the recommendation to perform an effectiveness review of actions taken in response to past lessons-learned reviews.

Attachment: Memorandum from J. Dyer and A. Thadani to W. Travers, "Semiannual Report - Status of Implementation of Davis-Besse Lessons Learned Task Force Recommendations," dated February 20, 2004.

cc: SECY
OGC
OCA
OPA
OCFO
OCIO

function and documented its recommendations in a report to the Steering Committee in November 2003. The Steering Committee forwarded the report to line management in January 2004 with instructions to develop an implementation plan.

Inspection program guidance was revised to address the high-priority recommendations regarding follow-up to long-standing equipment issues and oversight of plants in extended shutdowns. Enhancements to inspector training programs were initiated. Guidance was issued regarding providing adequate documentation of decisions to allow deviations from generic communication recommendations.

Several research studies were initiated to address recommendations regarding barrier integrity requirements.

Separate task forces are addressing two medium-priority recommendations. One task force is addressing the recommendation to conduct a follow-on verification of licensee actions in response to previous generic communications. A second task force is addressing the recommendation to perform an effectiveness review of actions taken in response to past lessons-learned reviews.

Attachment: Memorandum from J. Dyer and A. Thadani to W. Travers, "Semiannual Report - Status of Implementation of Davis-Besse Lessons Learned Task Force Recommendations," dated February 20, 2004.

cc: SECY
OGC
OCA
OPA
OCFO
OCIO

DISTRIBUTION:

NON-Public	RidsOcaMailCenter
PDIII-2 Reading File	RidsOpaMail
RidsEdoMailCenter	RidsOcfoMailCenter
RidsSecyMailCenter	RidsOcio
RidsOgcRp	RidsNrrPMBMoroney

Package No.: ML040490148

Attachment: ML040490268

ADAMS Accession No.: ML040490087

EDO-004

OFFICE	LPDII-2: PM	LPDII-2: LA	NRR: OD	RES: OD	EDO
NAME	BMoroney	BClayton (CHawes for)	JDyer (RBorchardt for)	AThadani (JStrosnider for)	WTravers
DATE	02/20/04	02/20/04	02/20/04	02/20/04	02/23/04

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY