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A discussion on the specific format to be used for the TERs was determined during the meeting. The TER outline will be: 1.0 Introduction; 2.0 Review of ISA Summary; 2.1 thru 2.9 are the elements of an ISA identified in 10 CFR 70.65(b); 3.0 Overall Conclusion. The discussion included an understanding that the TER is a technical evaluation of regulatory compliance not approval of the ISA summary. Approval of the ISA summary, supported by the TER, will be provided by letter to the licensee from the NRC. The CNWRA is to deliver the draft TER by May 7, 2004, and the on-site review is currently scheduled for May 10, 2004.

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