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MEMORANDUM TO: José A. Calvo, Chief
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SUBJECT: CLOSEOUT OF ISSUES 12 AND 21 RELATED TO THE MIDWEST
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ACTION PLAN FOR RESOLVING ELECTRICAL GRID CONCERNS
(TAC MC3380)

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Issue 21 MISO did not have adequate monitoring capability.

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On July 12, 2004, NERC completed its "NERC Recommendation Verification Team Midwest ISO Report." The report is located at the NERC public website (<http://www.nerc.com>). Attached is a copy of the NERC report for your convenience.

Overall, the NRC staff reviewed "NERC Recommendation Verification Team Midwest ISO Report," and the report supports the NRC's efforts to ensure electrical grid reliability for safe nuclear power plant operation throughout the United States.

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