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After talking with Ralph, we believe a brief meeting between RES and NRR management would be beneficial. Note the potential impact of the hot cell closing will be discussed tomorrow with NMSS management.

The news of the closing of the hot cells was a surprise to many, including ANL personnel. There is still some confusion as to whether the ANL management is capable of making this decision (as they are contractors and not DOE personnel). As for now, RES will be drafting a letter for routing thru NMSS and NRR going thru EDO to the higher levels at DOE (cc.'d to ANL management). They will be asking for a 2 year continuation to complete the LOCA and SNF programs.

Note that testing on **de-fueled** irradiated cladding segments may continue at the small hot cell facilities at ANL. But the integral testing on fuel rods conducted in the AGHCF would be discontinued. Also, note that Oak Ridge national labs has been soliciting NRC for several years to get some of this work. However, transferring the research program to Tennessee would cost the program years in calendar and \$\$ is cost.

>>> Thomas Martin 01/17/06 9:31 AM >>> *NRR*
OK, now what do we do???

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