

DPO-2006-003: Oconee Use of Leak Before Break in ECCS

Subject: This DPO raises concerns about the installation of an ECCS LPI cross tie header at the Oconee facility. The submitter contends that the licensee should not have been allowed to use Leak Before Break technology for ECCS.

Assigned to: Jim Dyer, NRR OD
DPO Panel: Jack Grobe, NRR, Panel Chair/Mark Caruso, NRR/ Aladar Csontos, RES/
Joe Lenahan, RII

DPO Milestones and Timeliness Goals ~

DPO Milestone	Timeliness Goals	Actual Date
Individual submits DPO (NRC Form 680)	None	05/12/2006
DPOPM screens and accepts DPO	8 CDs	05/12/2006
DPOPM assigns DPO to OD or RA	5 CDs	05/22/2006
OD or RA establishes DPO Panel ¹	14 CDs	06/02/2006
DPO Panel meets with submitter ²	8 CDs	07/20/2006
DPO Panel collects, reviews, and evaluates information ³ (date when DPO Panel completes review)	30 – 90 CDs	08/15/2006
DPO Panel writes report	30 CDs	10/26/2006
OD or RA comments on DPO Panel report submitter comments on DPO Panel report	10 CDs	12/04/2006 11/22/2006
DPO Panel evaluates comments and either revises report or declares original report final	7 CDs	12/05/2006
OD or RA issues DPO Decision	21 CDs	01/20/2007 ~
TOTAL CDs (from acceptance of DPO) EDO-approved Goal = 02/02/2007 ⁴	130 – 190 CDs	253 CDs

¹Given the scope of the concerns, the NRR, OD established one DPO Panel to address DPO-2006-002 and DPO-2006-003.

²Unanticipated scheduling issues delayed the meeting with the submitter.

³DPO Panel requested OGC interpretation of GDC 4.

⁴On 01/23/2007, EDO approved new timeliness goal based on scheduling delays, complexity of performing two reviews, the age of the issues, and the need for legal assistance.