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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
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MEMORANDUM TO: George Apostolakis, Chairman
ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment

FROM: Maitri Banerjee, Senior Staff Engineer */RA/*
ACRS

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF EDO RESPONSE TO ACRS LETTER ON RISK-
INFORMED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS INITIATIVE 4B, RISK-
MANAGED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (RMTS) GUIDELINES

Attached is a copy of the EDO's May 18, 2007 letter of response to the ACRS' April 23, 2007 letter on the review of the industry guidance document Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 06-09, "Risk-Informed Technical Specifications Initiative 4b, Risk-Managed Technical Specifications (RMTS) Guidelines," issued in November 2006, the associated staff's draft safety evaluation, as well as the pilot plant implementation of RMTS at South Texas Project (STP). A copy of the Committee's letter is also attached.

Committee Letter

In its April 23, 2007 letter the ACRS concurred with the staff that the program requirements of NEI 06-09 are acceptable for licensees' implementation of RMTS Initiative 4b. This initiative, when implemented, would allow licensees to modify technical specification completion times based on risks associated with the corresponding plant configurations.

EDO Response

The EDO response stated that the staff appreciated the Committee's timely and thorough review, the insights, and the recommendations provided by the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment during a meeting that took place on March 23, 2007.

Analysis

The EDO's response is satisfactory.

Attachments: As stated

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