

From: Christopher Grimes
To: George Dick
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Subject: Re: W/AMAG Issue

George: I got feedback from Brian on the UFM schedule. We'll need to fix the schedule - then I'll send it to Greg & Herb to keep Caldon and Westinghouse informed. Brian had a call from Westinghouse this morning and I'll share that discussion with all of the interested internal stakeholders when we finalize the schedule.

>>> Gregory Cwalina 05/17/04 10:30AM >>>

Have you been able to develop a schedule for the Bulletin yet? Also, can you send me an electronic version of the public Caldon report? Also, I'd like to get an electronic version of the **public** W/AMAG report when it is issued, i.e., signed off and ready for ADAMS. Do you know when that will be?

In looking through the Bulletin, I have a few comments/questions. The original version had a very detailed attachment providing the information that the NRC is looking for. That attachment is missing from the current draft. I am concerned that licensees may not know what the NRC really needs as far as a response when our current request is so general. I agree the original attachment was too detailed, however, something more may be needed. The staff should consider some additional guidance on what we need. Due to the sensitivity of the issue, any further guidance on responding to the Bulletin should be made public.

In addition, the 1st version distinguished between the information needed from W/AMAG users vs Caldon users. Caldon users were merely asked to "confirm that their device is installed, operated and maintained in accordance with vendor specifications" whereas the W/AMAG users had to provide the more detailed information requested in the attachment. With the current version, the two different systems are being lumped into one category and appear to have the same design and installation issues. The task group reports do not support a need for the same information from users of both devices. The design and operation of the Caldon Check and Check-Plus systems are very different from W/AMAG and, by my understanding, are not of concern to the staff. Therefore, I question why we are asking for the same information from Caldon users as we are to W/AMAG, where the real concern lies. The Bulletin should be made to apply only to users of W/AMAG and the Caldon LEFM, and clearly state it does not apply to the other Caldon systems (i.e., Check and Check-Plus).

Those are my thoughts. I'm also asking Steve Alexander to review and comment.

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