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Release

OEDO has granted both extension for WITS 200700117 & 200800373 and forwarded the request to SECY for reset. I will let you know when I hear back from SECY. Thanks.

From: Johnson, Kevin
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RES

Task Numbers: WITS 200700117/EDATS:SECY-2009-0409 – Provide Commission the Results of the Initial Eight Assessments/Reactor Consequence Analysis Studies

WITS 200800373/EDATS:SECY-2008-0542 – Provide results of the paper review of the Peach Bottom and Surry Methodology and Approaches in the SOARCA

Current Due Dates: WITS 200700117 – 10/22/10 & WITS 200800373 – 10/29/10

Requested Due Date to Commission: June 30, 2011

Justification for and/or circumstances as to why extension is necessary (SECY criteria identified)

The staff is requesting an extension of the due date for submitting the Commission paper that will provide both the results of the completed State-of-the-Art Reactor Consequence Analysis (SOARCA) pilot project and recommendations for if and how to proceed with additional analyses for other plant and containment configurations. The current due date for submittal to the Commission is October 29, 2010. The staff is requesting an extension until June 30, 2011.

The staff proposes to modify the project's schedule to allow time to complete additional analyses resulting from questions and comments from the project's external peer review committee (criteria #4), fact checks from the licensees of the pilot plants, and information gathered during plant visits. The additional time also allows for a 60-day public review and comment period including public meetings, and staff incorporation of internal and public comments. Additionally during this time, the staff intends to complete an uncertainty analysis before the final publication of the SOARCA report as recommended by some peer review committee members and ACRS members.

To keep the Commission aware of the preliminary SOARCA details, the staff plans to provide the draft NUREG to the Commission in the fall. The staff plans to release the draft NUREG for public review and comment early in 2011 and conduct multiple public meetings to facilitate public awareness and interaction in the project. The staff proposes to provide the Commission the final NUREG, ready for publication, by June 30, 2011. This proposal is predicated on encountering no significant delays during the public interaction process. The staff is preparing a revised communication plan and detailed schedule for completion of the SOARCA project and will share these with the Commission in October 2010.

The Commission technical assistants and SOARCA Steering Committee have been briefed on this request (criteria #4).

Name and statement of approval by responsible Division Director (or higher)

Brian W. Sheron, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

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