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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. E. Dyer, Director, Division of Reactor Projects
THRU: F. R. Huey, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch E
FROM: G. W. Johnston, Senior Project Inspector
SUBJECT: WNP-2 OVERSIGHT PANEL MEETING MINUTES

The WNP-2 Oversight Panel convened by conference call on August 28, 1996. The topics discussed included the following:

- The panel discussed the recent results of the ASD and ECP special inspection, and recommended that the findings of that inspection be reviewed by a Region IV panel for potential escalated enforcement action. The panel noted that the command and control aspects may have a nexus with the RWCU issue of 1½ years before.
- The panel determined that the WNP-2 event review process appeared weak in identifying root causes and exploring beyond the immediate event. Specifically, WNP-2 Incident Review Boards associated with the ECP early criticality issue, and the ASD event failed to appropriately address operator performance deficiencies.
- In light of several apparent operator knowledge problems encountered during ASD and digital feedwater system testing, the panel directed that operator training associated with ASD and digital feedwater system modifications should be reviewed. The WNP-2 Senior Resident Inspector was assigned the lead to review the adequacy of operator training.
- The panel noted that the licensee's self assessment should be a topic for the next meeting with the licensee. The issues on pages 31 and 32, involving maintenance performance expectations, were viewed as needing further NRC attention, since the NRC has not observed similar problems during its inspections.
- The panel discussed the potential cancellation of the upcoming NRR IPAP inspection at WNP-2, and directed the DRP-E Branch Chief to focus attention on additional needed inspection at WNP-2 between now and the end of the current SALP period.
- The panel discussed the 50.59 evaluation implemented by WNP-2 in April 1996, which deleted safety related (e.g., RPS, ECCS) response time surveillance testing from the FSAR. NRR subsequently advised WNP-2 that

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it did not agree with the licensee's action, and advised that a technical specification amendment was required. NRR requested a prompt meeting between the licensee and NRR to review this issue.

- The panel discussed the containment integrity issue involving valves FDR V-3, and V-4, and the issue of mode escalation without performance of required surveillance testing. The panel agreed to recommend Severity Level IV enforcement for the valves, and Severity Level III enforcement for the mode escalation violation during the upcoming OE conference call.
- The panel agreed that the pending date of September 20, 1996, for the next meeting appeared to be unworkable because of the pending enforcement issues and the licensee's desire to review the self assessment. The DRP-E Branch Chief will coordinate an appropriate meeting date.

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