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Memorandum for Lee V. Gossick  
Executive Director for Operations

From: Richard T. Kennedy *RTK*

Subject: OPERATING PROCEDURES AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

As part of the lessons-learned from the TMI-2 accident, I believe that we should take a hard look at our current philosophy and requirements related to operating procedures at nuclear power plants.

It is my understanding that NRC's current philosophy regarding operating procedures at nuclear power plants embodies a general reluctance to formally review and approve such procedures because of potential liability considerations. As a result, our activities in this area have been comparatively limited.

I would appreciate receiving staff's views on those actions which could be taken by the NRC to upgrade the quality of such operating procedures, including the advantages and disadvantages of the alternative approaches which may be available to achieve that goal.

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