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MEMORANDUM FOR: Steven A. Varga, Acting Assistant Director
for Light Water Reactors
Division of Project Management

FROM: Darl Hood, Project Manager, Light Water Reactors Branch No. 4,
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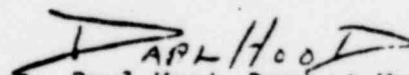
THRU: L. S. Rubenstein, Acting Chief, Light Water Reactors Branch
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SUBJECT: REVISED ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE FOR MIDLAND

The visit by the NRC staff's Caseload Forecast Panel on September 18-19, 1979, to the site for Midland Plant, Units 1 & 2, has resulted in a further slip in the Panel's projected completion date for Midland Unit 2. The Panel's revised estimate for completion of Unit 2 (the first of the Midland units scheduled for completion) is June 1982. As indicated in previous letters to the hearing boards for previous projections by the Panel, scheduler estimates for this plant, although only a rough indication, could potentially be relevant and material to the Midland proceedings. Accordingly, I recommend that both the remand and OL boards be informed of the revised estimate by the Panel.

The revised estimate of June 1982 for Unit 2 completion represents a seven-month slip in the Panel's previous estimate of November 1981* **. The applicant's current estimate is June 1981***. However, the applicant is currently developing a revised forecast (Forecast No. 6) to reflect recent increases in electrical quantities and the influence of TMI-2 issues and open licensing issues. Forecast No. 6 will be finalized in January 1980. The estimate by the Forecast Panel does not include TMI-2 effects and is based principally upon the observed status of Midland construction coupled with the experience of previous plants at this construction stage.

Documentation of the September 18-19, 1979 meeting summary is in progress. Copies will be forwarded upon completion.


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* R. Hoefling letter to Remand Board dated May 31, 1979
** R. Hoefling letter to OL Board dated May 21, 1979
*** Michael I. Miller letter to OL Board dated June 20, 1979

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