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FROM: H. R. Denton, Director  
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NRR OFFICE LETTER NO. 25

SUBJECT: INTERIM PROCEDURES FOR RESEARCH AND STANDARDS COORDINATION

As you are all aware, the reorganization we have just implemented results in some significant changes in the way we handle our interactions with the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research and the Office of Standards Development. In order to assure that these interactions are given appropriate consideration for consistency with office goals and objectives, I have placed this coordination activity within Roger Mattson's Safety Technology Division where much of NRR's safety needs and policies will be developed.

The actual coordination activity will be implemented through the Research and Standards Coordination Branch (RSCB). This Branch will provide personnel for coordination responsibility not previously available, a source of knowledge about industry and technical community activities in research and standards efforts in areas of interest to NRR, and a single point of contact for the NRR programmatic and budget inputs to Research and Standards. RES and OSD will be handling their formal contacts through RSCB, however, technical staff discussions between offices regarding NRR Research and Standards needs and concerning technical content of programs should continue as in the past. Since the Division of Safety Technology will be recommending to me the overall NRR Research and Standards program needs and priorities, it is important to keep RSCB advised of areas of technical discussions between offices.

In order to maintain adequate coordination with RES and OSD, while accomplishing the necessary reduction in NRR resources allotted to this activity,

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we have assigned to RSCB a few capable and experienced individuals with appropriate technical knowledge, project management experience and understanding of the licensing process. I expect these individuals to carry a substantial level of responsibility for technical communication and coordination of the research and standards programs we need. This will minimize the diversion of your technical experts from the important day-to-day licensing responsibility of NRR. I am confident of your cooperation to achieve this improved coordination and the reduction in overall NRR technical resources that is necessary to reduce licensing backlogs and reestablish an acceptable level of productivity.

Until more complete procedures are established and issued in Office Letter form, each division should communicate its recommended NRR Research and Standards needs, comments on approved research and standards projects, and other interoffice communications requesting actions by RES and OSD to the Director, DST, for proper office coordination. This Office Letter amends relevant portions of Office Letters No. 5 and No. 6.



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