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NOTE TO: Victor Benaroya

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SUBJECT: DELAYS IN STAFF REVIEWS OF THE BAW OPERATING PLANT AFW SYSTEM **EVALUATIONS**

The staff review of the subject evaluations to being delayed as a result of personnel in supporting review branches being diverted to other work.

Specifically, M. Cunningham of PAS has been assigned to the B&W Plant Response Task Morce (Tedemco Task Force); earlier he was diverted to provide some urgent support for the TMI-2 Cleanup Task Force. J. Curry of PAS was required temporarily to provide 50% effort in support to some urgent Fuel Cycle activities. Finally, D. Thatcher of ICSB has been assigned to the Tedesco Task Force and has also had to spend considerable time in preparing testimony and attending the Rancho Seco hearings.

I have discussed this matter with Gordon Edison, PAS and Rod Satterffeld, ICSB. They both agree that this is an undesirable situation but are unable to recoup any of the last time. G. Edison is targeting to provide input to ASB by 5/1/80 provided Cunningham and Curry can devote full time to this work without further interruption. R. Satterfield will try to provide input to ASB by the week of 4/28/80 based on J. Joyce returning from leave by 4/16/80. He will attempt to reassign some of D. Thatcher's work load when he returns from the Rancho Seco hearing the week of 4/14/30 but he could not make any firms commitments beyond that.

Based on the above it now appears that staff positions and questions for B&W plants beyond Rancho Seco (already complete) cannot be transmitted to the Project Manager before 5/15/80.

In light of the Crystal River 3 incident and the recommendation of Tedesco's Task Force that these reviews be completed expeditiously (which I ggree with) I recommend that this work be given a higher priority to preclude any further interruption and, if at all possible, additional review personnel be assigned to recoup some of the lost time. RD-7.2B + ID1R.5 + TMI

Your assistance in this matterils appreciated.

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