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MEMORANDUM FOR: Eric S. Beckjord, Director
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FROM: Frank P. Gillespie, Director
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SUBJECT: CRGR REVIEW OF DRAFT REGULATORY GUIDE 1.33 REVISION 3 ON QA
IN OPERATING PLANTS

NRR has reviewed the subject Regulatory Guide and concurs in its application to future plants only (forward fit). We recognize that current licensees may voluntarily adopt Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 3.

NRR notes the proposed draft Regulatory Guide 1.33 is not to be published in final form until after NRR issues a new generic letter (clarifying Generic Letter 83-28 which still applies to current licensees), and a related bulletin to improve trip system reliability. The final version of Regulatory Guide 1.33 Revision 3 should obtain NRR concurrence to ensure that these actions are complete. Appropriate licensing and inspection guidance should be included in the final revision.

NRR also believes that a major revision to Regulatory Guide 1.33 should be made in the near future to reflect the NRC's current philosophy towards operating plants (as stated, this revision of Regulatory Guide 1.33 is applicable to future plants only). If you require additional information please contact Dan Jones of my staff at extension 21244.

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