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MEMORANDUM FOR: Eric S. Beckjord, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory  
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FROM: Thomas T. Martin, Regional Administrator, Region I

SUBJECT: GENERIC ISSUE 116, "ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT"

We have reviewed your memorandum on the same subject and generally agree with the conclusion reached.

Please note that the discussion in the evaluation seems to lump beyond design basis conditions with core melt or severe core damage conditions. Current emergency procedures at operating plants already extend well beyond design basis conditions and even cover some severe core damage conditions. The evaluation of GI 116 does not appear to credit this fact.

It is also not clear who should receive what training. Some proposed actions for severe accident conditions are best carried out by reactor operators, while others are best carried out by senior reactor operators. Recommendations for evaluation, sheltering or relocation are made at management levels and the plant's emergency plan addresses these issues. The issues related to controlling, to the extent possible, the reactor and containment once the core is damaged may be handled by the operators or may be handled at a higher level.

Finally, training recommended in the evaluation appears to be a mixture of that already received by operators and that which may apply to emergency response personnel.

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