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MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor,
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: *Forrest J. Bemick*
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SUBJECT: SECY-93-275, Implementing Service Water
Systems Operational Performance Inspections
(SWSOPIS)

I would like to thank the staff for briefing Commissioner Rogers and me on the Service Water System Operational Performance Inspections, last Friday.

It is clear that the service water system problems are very important and continue to occur despite the work performed in response to Generic Letter 89-13, and the activities related to the Task Action Plan developed in July 1991.

I continue to question, however, the need to perform large team inspections for all pre-TMI plants as well as for newer plants with service water system problems. I am glad to see that IP 40501, "Licensee Self-Assessment Related to Area of Emphasis Inspection," August 1993, will be utilized to reduce the scope of the inspections by recognizing self assessment and corrective actions taken by the licensees.

I would continue to encourage the staff to review the results and effectiveness of the inspections at an early date and to consider the merits of holding a workshop as a vehicle to communicate our intent and what we've learned, and to receive feedback. The staff should concentrate further on how to get industry to do what we think needs to be done, rather than continue to do the job ourselves.

cc: The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
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