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SUBJECT:

DAILY HIGHLIGHT - MEETING WITH GE NUCLEAR ENERGY (GE) AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF AND SCHEDULES FOR THE SIMPLIFIED BOILING WATER

REACTOR (SBWR) REVIEW

On April 12, 1994, Mr. P. Marriott, the GE SBWR Project Manager, and Sterling Franks of DOE met with ADAR and PDST management to discuss the status of the SBWR review and the review schedule. During this meeting, Messrs. Marriott and Franks assured the staff that there were no plans to withdraw the SBWR application. They did acknowledge that GE and DOE are reassessing the SBWR test program, in response to the staff concerns communicated in a March 7 letter to GE, as well as the overall SBWR schedule. They indicated that they will advise the staff of the results of the reassessments in the near future.

PDST is in the process of preparing revised review schedules for the passive plants. The draft SECY paper containing the revised schedules for the SBWR and AP600 is under review, and PDST expects it to be forwarded to the Commission before the end of April. There are many uncertainties about the SBWR schedule, details of which are discussed in the draft SECY paper, and it is unknown how the GE-DOE schedule and test program reassessments will impact the draft revised schedule. However, the draft revised schedule shows a slip of

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the milestones reported in SECY-93-097. Until the revised schedules are issued, the NRR technical staff has been requested to continue working to the present (SECY-93-097) schedule.

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