

April 19, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: Martin J. Virgilio, Acting Director
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 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Conrad E. McCracken, Chief
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF APRIL 8, 1994, SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEETING
 BETWEEN NRC AND NEI.

Senior managers of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) met with senior representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on April 8, 1994. W. Cavanaugh and D. Hintz, members of the NEI executive level fire protection working group, also attended the meeting. Mr. Cavanaugh is the chairman of the working group and President and Chief Operating Officer of Carolina Power and Light Company. This meeting was the third NRC/NEI senior management meeting to discuss the status of continuing efforts to resolve the Thermo-Lag fire barrier issues. Enclosure 1 is a list of attendees.

W. Rasin of NEI presented a proposed new strategy for resolving the Thermo-Lag issues and illustrated the resolution process with a flowchart (Enclosure 2). J. Colvin of NEI stated that the full support and commitment of NRC management would be needed to achieve implementation. The flowchart outlines potential resolution paths that NEI believes licensees may take to achieve compliance with NRC fire barrier requirements for existing Thermo-Lag configurations. A. Thadani of NRR suggested that NEI develop text to explain the flowchart.

Mr. Rasin indicated that NEI review of the 50.54(f) responses had identified commonalities among licensees with barriers outside of the scope of the NEI application guide. These licensees may benefit from joining efforts to perform testing of common fire barrier types. Mr. Colvin indicated that NEI may consider additional generic testing for a group with sufficient licensee participation. NEI has scheduled a workshop on April 20-21, 1994, to discuss the NEI Application Guide.

W. Russell of NRR suggested that NEI demonstrate its proposed resolution approach with actual plant-specific examples or cases to test the resolution process. NEI agreed to consider this suggestion. NEI and NRR managers agreed that their respective staffs should exchange views on the proposed NEI approach before the senior management meeting planned for May 19, 1994.

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