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Re: **GROUPING AND SEPARATION SEMINAR &
VIDEOTAPES ON REACTIVITY CHARACTERISTICS OF CANDU**

I wish to confirm that we will present a seminar focussing on the approach to grouping and separation of safety-related systems and components. We will also cover the approach to the design of the Main Control Room and the Secondary Control Area as a specific issue, one that was raised as a Policy Issue for CANDU, in fact.

The purpose is the same as the seminar we gave on reactivity characteristics of CANDU, namely to familiarize NRC Staff with the design of CANDU 3U, and the reasons taken for the design approach. We also hope that NRC Staff would take this opportunity to raise any issues of concern, since we could add further material in the Safety Analysis Report to facilitate Staff Review if we knew what the concerns were.

I propose the following agenda:

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AGENDA

"CANDU 3U GROUPING & SEPARATION"

Washington, June 23, 1994

09:00 - 12:00

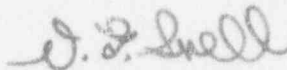
ITEM	SPEAKER	TIME (questions additional)
Purpose of the Meeting and Introduction of Speakers	V.G. Snell	15 mins
CANDU 3 Grouping & Separation: Approach, Rationale and Implementation	A. Stretch	90 mins
Main Control Room and Secondary Control Area: Approach, Rationale and Implementation	R. Olmstead	45 mins

The presentations would be detailed, of most use to Staff Reviewers and their managers.

I understand that Mr. Dino Scaletti will arrange a location. We can cover the material and any general questions the morning; our experts would be available for follow-up discussions with Staff in the afternoon, if needed.

On a separate topic, I confirm transmitting to Mr. Scaletti, by hand, a set of videotapes containing the material presented at the previous seminar on Reactivity Characteristics of CANDU. The tapes are not part of our formal application, and have no "legal" standing, obviously, but can be used at NRC's discretion to familiarize Staff on this topic. If they are useful, we would propose to tape the material presented on Grouping & Separation (off-line, not at the seminar itself) and make the tapes available to Mr. Scaletti also.

Finally, Mr. Scaletti offered to arrange a briefing for us from NRC Staff on the experience to date with the application of the 10CFR52 process to the current evolutionary designs. I feel this would be most helpful. Perhaps it could be arranged in the afternoon following our own brief on grouping & separation.



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