

June 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino

FROM: James J. Cummings, Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: ZIMMER

Original signed by
James J. Cummings

The attached June 4, 1982, letter from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, requests that NRC, Region III, conduct an investigation into the May 27, 1982, water dousing of QC inspectors at Zimmer. By my count, this would bring to four the number of discrete but separate investigations which Region III is currently conducting which relate to Zimmer.

Each of these investigations pertain to serious allegations of wrongdoing and accordingly will require thorough investigation and prompt reporting. Given the high profile of the whole Zimmer situation NRC can expect that the investigative reports dealing with each of these matters will be closely scrutinized by all concerned.

It is my understanding that despite the above only one investigator, assisted by a regional inspector, is assigned to the investigative portion of all of the above investigative matters. In my opinion a first class job simply can not be done on these cases unless additional resources are assigned.

Attachment:
As stated

cc: Commission (4)
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