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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard Vollmer, Director
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THRU: *NFE* James Knight, Assistant Director
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FROM: Vincent Noonan, Chief
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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM FROM ZOLTAN ROSZTOCZY: ITEM FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR BOARD NOTIFICATION DATED
AUGUST 15, 1983

The subject memorandum was received this date and is being forwarded for your information.

The Equipment Qualification Branch is presently investigating the reported test failures encountered in the Franklin Research testing. Similar tests conducted by both Westinghouse and ASCO did not result in any test failures.

The staff met on August 12th when this matter was elevated to me to discuss the course of action necessary for evaluating the safety significance for operating plants and potential for board notification. In attendance at this meeting were members from ORAB, EQB, RSCB, and Research.

As a result of the August 12th meeting Franklin Research Center was requested to brief the staff on August 15, 1983, providing details of the test and the reported test failures. As a result of this latest meeting the following actions are being taken:

1. Westinghouse, ASCO and Franklin Research Center are being requested to attend a meeting at the NRC on September 9, 1983 to discuss the result of the various tests.
2. EG&G has been sent all available test reports and is being requested to perform independent evaluation on each test program.

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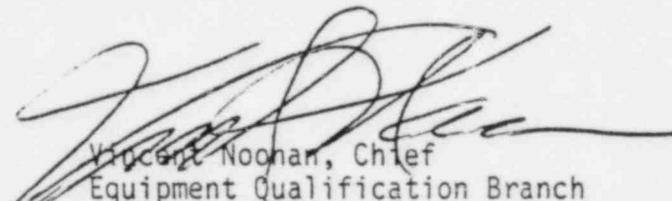
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3. Memorandum is in preparation from the Division of Engineering to the Division of Licensing stating our technical evaluation of this matter regarding safety implications for operating plants and the potential for Board notification pursuant to NRR Office Letter No. 19.

The staff's preliminary evaluation does not indicate an immediate safety problem under normal operating conditions. However, because of several discrepancies in test results as reported by Westinghouse, ASCO and Franklin, the same determination could not be made regarding accident conditions.

We will keep you informed of our progress on this matter. Our present plan is to have this item resolved by September 30, 1983.



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Enclosure: As stated

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