



UNITED STATES  
 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

December 1, 1993

Copy to JELL  
 File STP  
 Lee who want  
 this?

MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas E. Murley, Director  
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: James M. Taylor  
 Executive Director for Operations


SUBJECT: STATUS OF NRR STAFF ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE DIAGNOSTIC  
 EVALUATION AT SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT

Your memorandum to me dated November 2, 1993, provided a status of those actions assigned to NRR to resolve findings from the Diagnostic Evaluation Team's review of South Texas Project. I have two comments on that memorandum.

First, your memorandum stated that two of NRR's assigned items (1.b and 4) were not to be further updated in status reports because they were being followed elsewhere. This is contrary to my August 3, 1993, memorandum which assigned responsibility for "generic and plant-specific actions." The memorandum called for "a written status report ... by the end of January each calendar year ... until all items are resolved." Therefore, I request that you include all NRR's open items in the report.

Second, the 1995 and 1996 completion dates for staff action on the two items previously mentioned are excessive. For item 1.b., the agency has been studying shift staffing for many years and should not need another two to reach a conclusion on this issue. I do not believe this is a research issue, but rather a staff management decision issue. For item 4, an early completion of the PRA evaluation of the need for "effective damper testing requirements and guidelines" might show whether the rest of the tasks are needed or not. If the item is not risk-significant, NRC staff time, contractor dollars, and several years on the schedule could be saved.

Please reflect consideration of the foregoing comments in your January 1994 report.

  
 James M. Taylor  
 Executive Director  
 for Operations

cc: J. Sniezek  
 E. Beckjord  
 E. Jordan ✓

B/57