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SUBJECT: MANAGEMENT MEETING

This refers to the meeting conducted in the Region IV office on February 2, 1995. This meeting related to the accomplishments of the seventh refueling outage, a discussion of on-line maintenance planning and scheduling, and changes in the maintenance process and organization at Wolf Creek Generating Station.

The meeting was beneficial in furthering our understanding of your processes for developing work schedules and how you assess risk in the development of those schedules. We also better understand the organizational changes that have occurred in the maintenance area and acknowledge the goals you have established for yourself in this area.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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- 1. Attendance List
- 2. Licensee Presentation

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Refuel VII and Maintenance**

**February 2, 1995**



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# Refuel VII and Maintenance

- **Introduction**
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- **Maintenance Mission and Remarks**
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## Refuel VII

- **Outage Program Improvements**
  - Integrated Plant Scheduling Group
  - Outage Implementation Organization
  - Outage Awareness
  - Site Wide Outage Involvement
  - Scheduling Software
  - Process Improvements
  - Risk Awareness And Management



## **Refuel VII**

- **Integrated Plant Scheduling Group**
- **Outage Implementation Organization**
  - Outage Control Center
  - Communications
  - Emergent Work Management
  - Window Managers



# Refuel VII

## Outage Program Improvements

### **Integrated Plant Scheduling Group**

Personnel dedicated full-time to outage planning were able to enact significant improvements. Callaway and contract schedulers were brought in to assist in process.

### **Outage Implementation Organization**

Outage Control Center

Provided superb coordination and problem resolution.

Communications

Video monitors, wireless headsets, outage pagers, and corporate communications updates were very successful.

Emergent Work Management

Significant improvement  
We Went from 1841 to 2301 work requests and from 81 to 122 design changes.

Window Managers

In general, very successful planning, schedule creation, performance oversight.



## **Refuel VII**

- **Outage Awareness**
  - Planning
  - Preparation
  
- **Site Wide Outage Support**
  
- **Scheduling Software**
  - Fragnets
  - Schedule retests, surveillances



# Refuel VII

## Outage Program Improvements

### **Outage Awareness**

Planning  
Preparation  
Publicity

Excellent awareness and buy in  
Management trending  
Group presentations

### **Site Wide Outage Involvement**

We placed 125 Wolf Creek employees in temporary outage support positions.

### **Scheduling Software**

Fragnets

Comprehensive, resulted directly in better planning, coordination, and performance.

Schedule retests, surveillances

Significant improvements from previous outages.



## Refuel VII

- **Process Improvements**

- Main Feedwater Check Valve Test
- Rod Drop Testing
- RCS Boration
- Underwater Vessel Flange Cleaning
- RTD Time Response Testing And Cross Calibration
- Vacuum Refill Of RCS
- Contract Coordination



# Refuel VII

## Outage Program Improvements

### Process Improvements

Main Feedwater Check Valve Test  
Rod Drop Testing  
RCS Boration

Saved 8 critical path hours.

Bank drops.

Used 6000 gallons less acid, generated much less  
water to Radwaste

Underwater Vessel Flange Cleaning  
RTD Time Response Test And  
Cross Calibration  
Vacuum Refill of RCS  
Contract Coordinator

Saved 12 critical path hours.

Contract scopes were beneficial.

### Risk Awareness and Management

Planning, outage emphasis and awareness  
maintained at high level.



## Refuel VII

- **Risk Awareness And Management**
  - Operating Procedures
  - Procedural Enhancements
  - Plant Enhancements
  - Containment Barrier
  - Schedule Enhancements
  - Administrative





# Refuel VII

## Risk Awareness and Management

### Operating Procedures

Loss of Decay Heat Removal  
Loss of Electrical Power  
Fuel Handling Accident  
Shutdown LOCA

### Procedural Enhancements

Backup nitrogen for Residual Heat Removal Flow  
Control Valves at midloop with fuel loaded  
Staged vent hoses on Residual Heat Removal  
Vent Valves

### Plant Enhancements

Cavity Seal Ring  
Midloop level instrumentation

### Containment Barrier

Equipment Hatch  
Penetration status  
Penetration pressure devices



# Refuel VII

## Risk Awareness and Management

### Schedule Enhancements

Maintain 2 Containment Coolers available

Maintain 1 Recirculation Sump available

No early midloop with fuel loaded

Manage switchyard work relative to other work

### Administrative

Preoutage Schedule review

Safety Schedule included time to boiling

Risk Awareness Determination / Contingency Plan

Daily

For cause

Outage Control Center awareness

Outage Shift Manager

Turnover Meetings

Performance based diesel generator maintenance



## On-Line Maintenance

### . **WORK GROUP'S STRENGTHS**

- Work groups were responsive to immediate plant's needs.
- Work groups were successful in implementing Priority 1 and 2 work requests



# On-Line Maintenance

## . DAILY SCHEDULING GOALS

- Enhance coordination among work groups
- Improve scheduling of priority 3 and 4 work requests to improve long term systems health
- Improve scheduling of equipment/system outages for maintenance to minimize equipment OOS time



# On-Line Maintenance

## . ROLLING SCHEDULE

The criteria used to select these windows of opportunities include:

- Minimize Out-Of-Service time of equipment important to plant safety
- Provide sufficient opportunities to maximize system health
- Minimize impact on plant operations
- Align systems and components to minimize risks resulting from activities to cross train components
- Align activities to allow seasonal risks to be addressed
- Provide a frequency in scheduling activities to allow surveillances and preventive maintenance requirements to be met
- Align surveillances, preventive and corrective maintenance activities to minimize unnecessary equipment out-of-service time and minimize unnecessary equipment operation for retest requirements
- Provide maintenance opportunities commensurate with the maintenance history of the plant systems



## On-Line Maintenance

### . ROLLING SCHEDULE

- Developed for operational risk management
- Supported by PRA analysis
- Identifies alignment of systems for maintenance and testing
- Provides frequency of activities
  - . Based on maintenance history of equipment
  - . Ensures high system reliability
  - . Minimizes system unavailability
- Identifies train separation
- Allows for seasonal risks
- Minimizes repeated system/equipment outages
- Minimizes system/equipment OOS time



# On-Line Maintenance

## . OPERATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

- Decay heat removal systems
- Reactivity and Inventory control systems
- Electrical power systems
- Support systems
- Containment systems
- Availability of Commercially significant systems



# On-Line Maintenance

## . **COMPENSATORY MEASURES**

- Strict procedural controls
- Fragnet development
- Temporary modifications
- Assigning a team and a team leader
- Portable equipment
- Pre-job briefing
- Mock ups / dry runs
- Review of the health of the redundant train
- Round the clock coverage
- Plant shutdown or mode reduction





## **On-Line Maintenance**

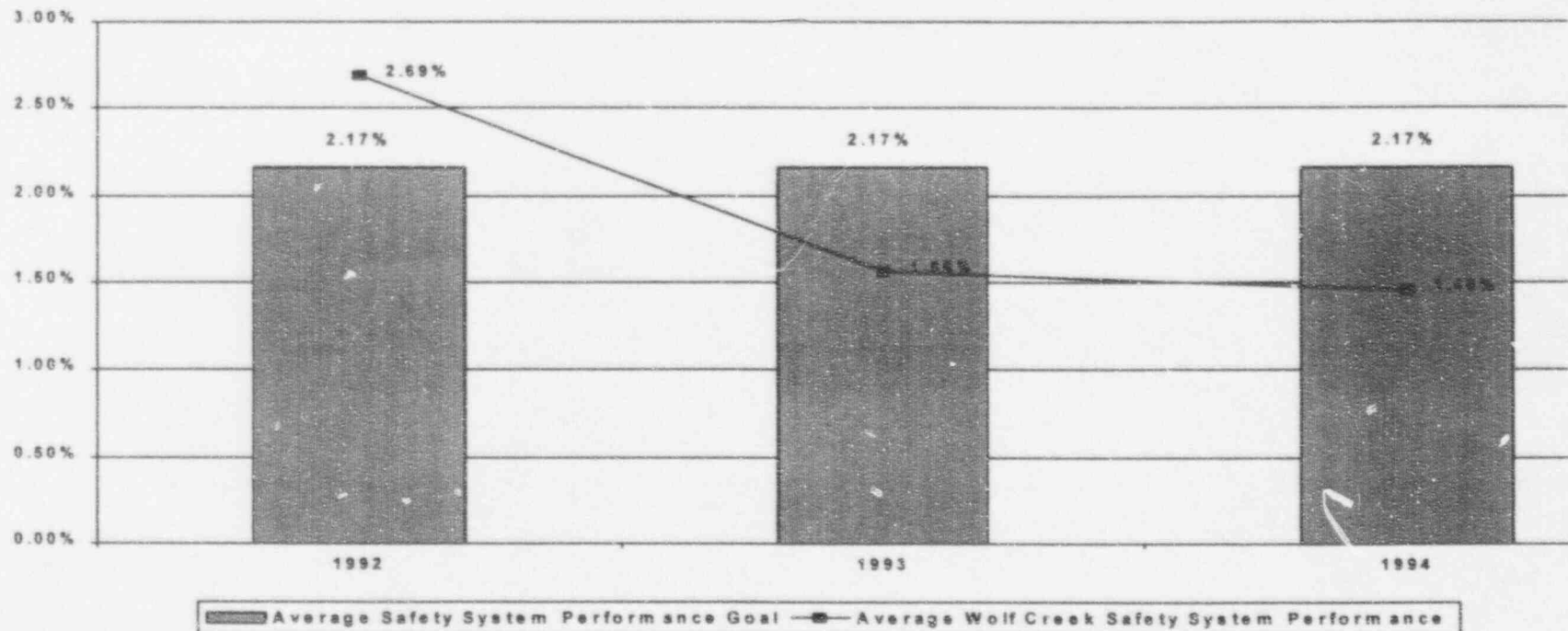
### **. SUCCESSES IN DAILY PLANT SCHEDULING**

- Improved coordination of activities among work groups
- Improved pre-planning
- Reduced work request backlog
- Improved equipment/systems health
- Improved Safety System Availability
- Improved risk management



# On-Line Maintenance

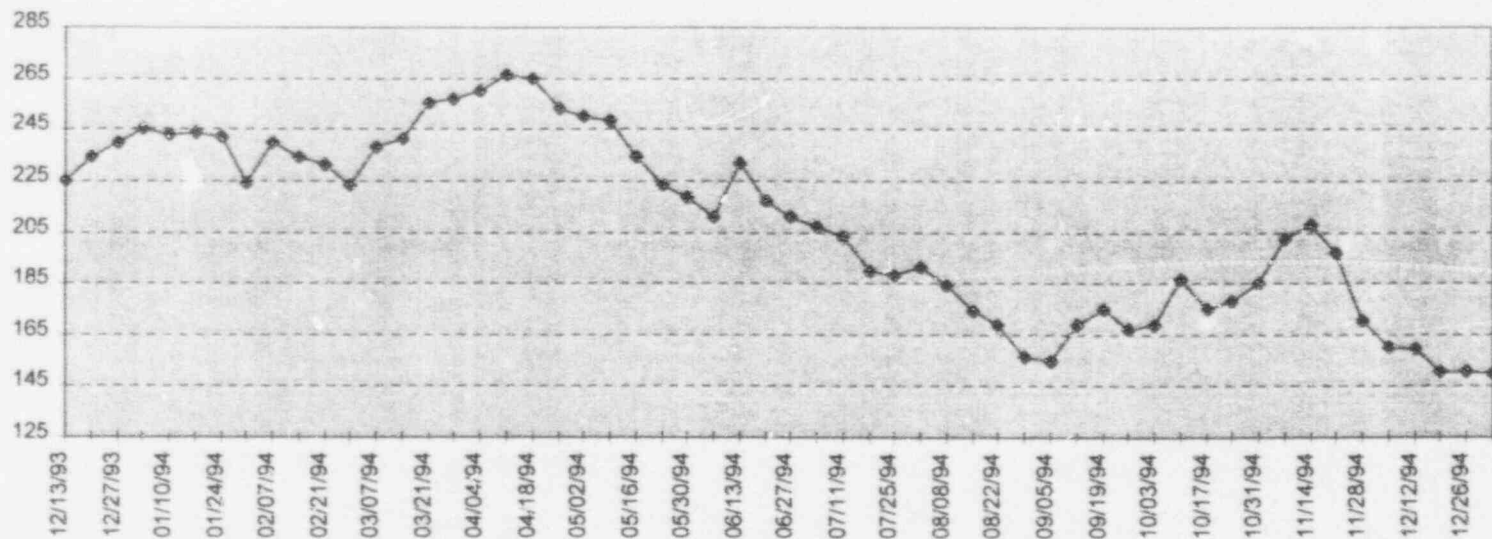
## Average INPO Safety System Performance





# On-Line Maintenance

## SAFETY RELATED POWER BLOCK CWRs





# On-Line Maintenance

## **. WCNOC RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

- Wolf Creek Risk Management program consists of:
  - . Rolling schedule (first line of defense)
  - . Weekly Schedule meeting (P2 meeting)
  - . Daily schedule meeting (Plan of the day meeting)
  - . Operational Risk Management procedure
  - . Shift Supervisor



# **Maintenance Mission Statement**

**Maintain and improve Systems,  
Structures and Components to assure  
safe, reliable and cost effective plant  
operations**



# Maintenance Changes and Activities

## Changes In 1994

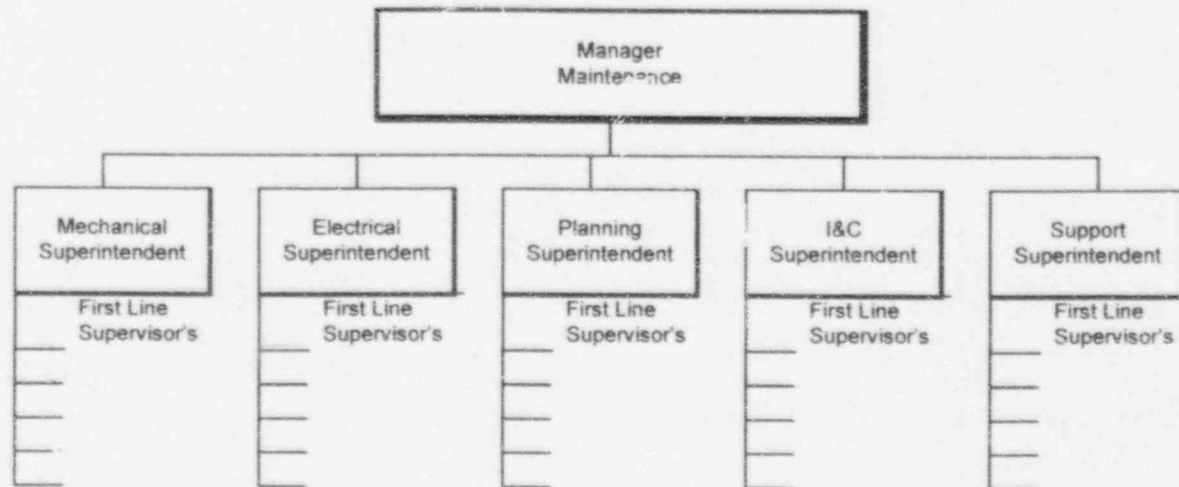
### Addition Of 1<sup>st</sup> Line Craft Supervisors

- Replaced Working Leads
- Deliberate And Careful Selection Process
  - List of functions and accountabilities
  - Independent supervisory assessment testing
  - Past demonstrated performance
- Closer Oversight Of Field Work Activities
- More Responsive To Worker Concerns
- Organizational Consistency



# Maintenance Changes and Activities

## Maintenance Organization





# **Maintenance Changes and Activities**

## **Changes In 1994 / 1995**

### **Modifications Group Moved To Engineering**

- Closer coordination of modification development
- Large capital contract jobs remain in engineering





# Maintenance Changes and Activities

## Changes In 1995

### Central Maintenance Planning

- Replaces Department Planning
- Single Accountability And Ownership
- Work Package Development Consistency
- Multi-Discipline Work Package Coordination



# Maintenance Changes and Activities

## Changes In 1995

### Implementation Of Electronic Work Controls

- Progress To Date
  - Corporate hardware conversion
  - Data model developed
- Major Changes
  - Two step process
    - Action requests
    - Work packages
  - Scheduling: Resource loaded at task level
  - Standard work package format
- Implementation Time Line
  - February - Data input: model design
  - March - Training
  - April - Functional



# Maintenance Changes and Activities

## Focus Of Efforts - 1994

### Reduction Of Non Outage Power Block Corrective Work Requests

- Goal:
  - Reduce to less than 600 by the end of 1994
- Result:
  - 584 work packages open at the end of 1994

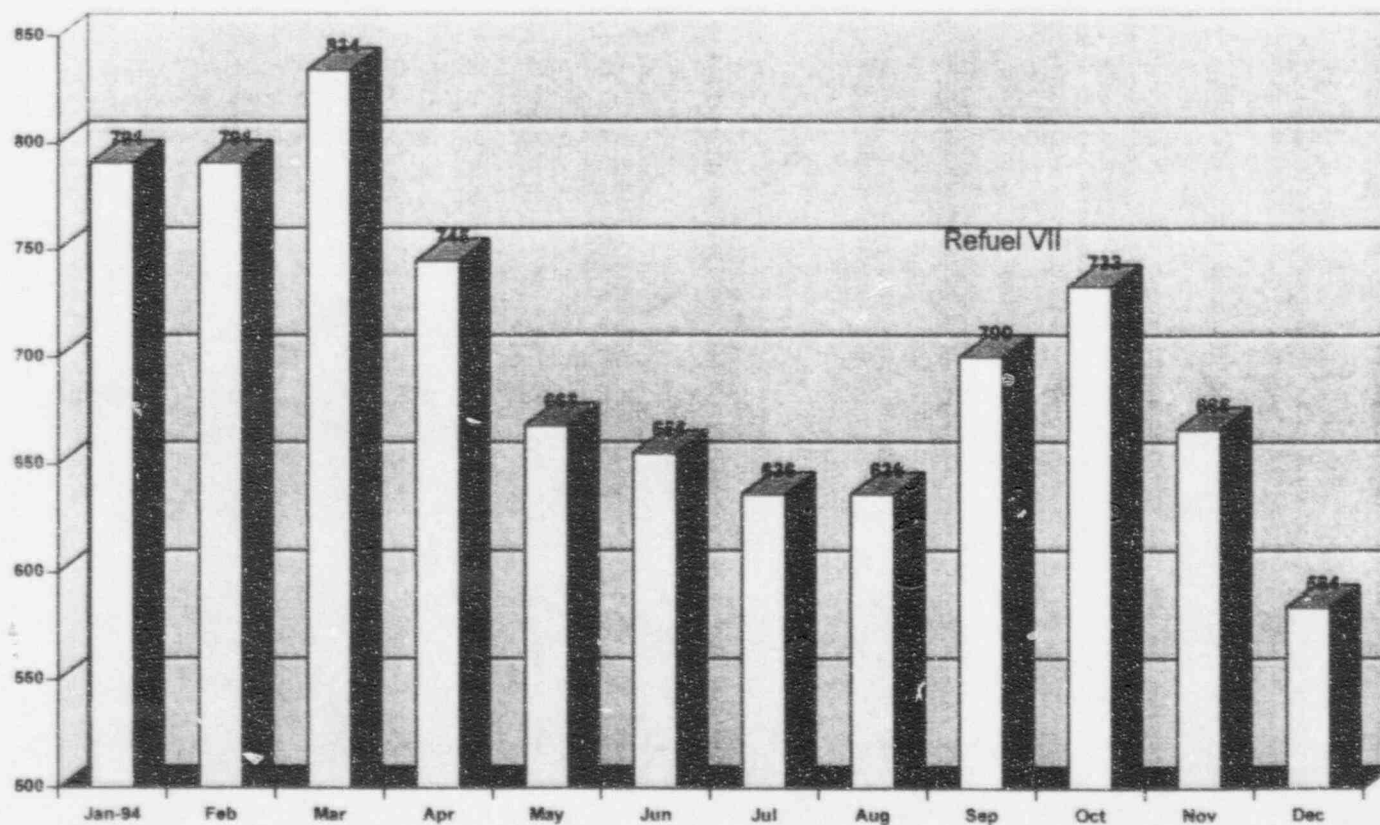
### Preparation Of Refuel Seven Work Packages

- Goal:
  - Prepare Refuel VII work packages by August 15, 1994
- Result:
  - 1627 work packages ready to work by August 15, 1994



# Maintenance Changes and Activities

Non-Outage Power Block Corrective Work Requests





# **Maintenance Changes and Activities**

## **Focus Of Efforts - 1995**

### **Backlog Reduction Of Non Outage Corrective Work Requests**

- Goal:
  - Reduce backlog to zero (0) by August 11, 1995.

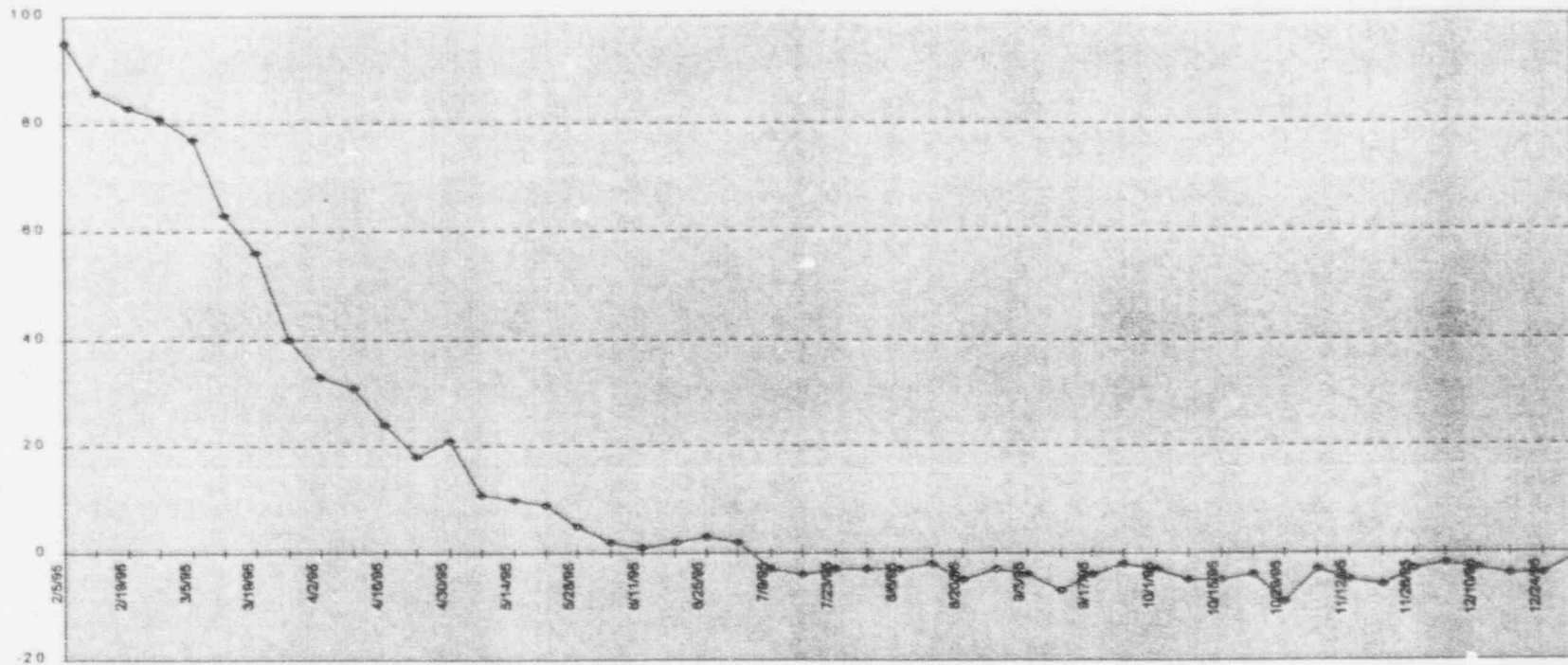
### **Preparation Of Refuel VIII Work Packages**

- Goal:
  - Prepare Refuel VIII packages by December 15, 1995 - if received by December 1, 1995.



# Maintenance Changes and Activities

1996 BACKLOG REDUCTION





# Maintenance Changes and Activities

## Focus Of Efforts - 1995

### Improve Preventative Maintenance Through Strong Commitment To Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM)

- Goal:
  - Complete RCM analysis for all systems scoped to Maintenance Rule by the end of 1995.

### Personnel Error Reduction

- Goal:
  - Reduce personnel errors by 50%.



# **Maintenance Changes and Activities**

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