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MEMORANDUM TO: The Chairman  
 Commissioner Rogers  
 Commissioner de Planque

FROM: James M. Taylor  
 Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: COOPER NUCLEAR STATION SPECIAL EVALUATION

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