

July 13, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR: Edward L. Jordan, Director  
Office for Analysis and Evaluation  
of Operational Data

FROM: James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

As you know, Cooper Nuclear Station was discussed during the June 1994 Senior Management Meeting. From these discussions, which addressed the regulatory and operational performance history of the plant, it appears that additional information is needed to make an adequately informed decision regarding its overall performance. I believe that a Diagnostic Evaluation (DE) may be the most effective means of obtaining this information. Accordingly, you are directed to begin preparations to conduct a DE of the Cooper Nuclear Station. However, to support my final decision on the need to proceed with the onsite phase of the evaluation, I request a meeting with you, the Team Manager, Bill Russell and Joe Callan to discuss the overall plans and specific perceived safety performance insights that are developed as a result of team planning and preparation activities.

The evaluation should be scheduled such that the Team Manager can provide a briefing on the results before the January 1995 Senior Management Meeting. The evaluation should be broadly structured to assess overall plant operations and the adequacy of the licensee's major programs for supporting safe plant operation. Support for the DE will be provided, as necessary, by NRR and the regional offices.

Please forward your specific plans regarding schedule, team composition, and evaluation methodology when they are formulated.

James M. Taylor  
Executive Director  
for Operations

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