

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

December 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

William J. Dircks, Executive Director

for Operations

FROM:

James K. Asselstine <

SUBJECT:

DIESEL GENERATOR FAILURES

Your November 26, 1984 memorandum responds to my October 24, 1984 inquiry regarding two specific occurrences during tests of diesel generators at Shoreham and Grand Gulf. The response indicates that the two occurrences are not germane in assessing whether the diesel generators meet reliability goals. I just plain disagree. If that kind of logic creeps into reliability studies, then I see yet another reason why PRAs may be dangerous.

cc: Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Zech
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