

November 23, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL OPINION (DPO) - POTENTIAL LOSS OF
REACTOR RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL SAFETY FUNCTION DURING
PLANT SHUTDOWN

Pursuant to NRC Directive 10.159, I requested that a panel review the subject DPO, make a recommendation, and provide the basis for that recommendation to me regarding the disposition of this DPO. These actions have been completed and the panel's report is enclosed.

I have reviewed your concerns related to the risks associated with plant operations conducted during periods of reduced inventory, and the DPV and DPO panels' evaluations. I have concluded that the concerns raised in your DPO are being adequately addressed by the ongoing NRC efforts as stated in the DPO panel's report. I remain confident that the staff efforts are comprehensive, and the level of attention is appropriate in dealing with this issue.

Pursuant to NRC Directive 10.159 this matter is considered closed and will not be considered further absent significant new information. I applaud your diligence in pursuing this matter as it has further heightened licensee and staff awareness of the importance of safety vigilance during shutdown operations.

Original Signed By:

James M. Taylor
Executive Director
for Operations

Enclosure:

DPO Panel report

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