



APPENDIX B  
UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

JUN 29 1989

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

FROM: Victor Stello, Jr.  
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS

By this memorandum you are directed to conduct diagnostic evaluations of Arkansas Nuclear One and Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. You should plan to conduct these diagnostic evaluations so that you can report your findings at the next NRC Senior Management Meeting in January 1990. Support for the diagnostic evaluation teams will be provided, as necessary, by NRR and the regional offices.

As you know, these plants were discussed during the last Senior Management Meeting. From these discussions, which addressed the regulatory and operational performance history at both nuclear stations, it became apparent that additional information would be needed to make an adequately informed decision regarding their overall performance. I have determined that diagnostic evaluations of these plants are the most effective means of obtaining this information. These evaluations should be broadly structured to assess overall plant operations and the adequacy of both licensees' major programs for supporting safe plant operation.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor Stello, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Victor Stello, Jr.  
Executive Director for Operations

cc: T. E. Murley, NRR  
J. M. Taylor, DEDO  
R. D. Martin, RIV  
J. B. Martin, RV

890706 3195 XA