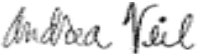




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MEMORANDUM TO: Daniel H. Dorman,
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FROM: Andrea D. Veil, Director,  Signed by Veil, Andrea
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on 05/03/22

SUBJECT: STAFF ASSESSMENT OF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL EVENT INQUIRY INTO THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION'S OVERSIGHT OF THE
AUXILIARY FEEDWATER SYSTEM AT DIABLO CANYON
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, OIG CASE NO. 20-025

This memorandum transmits the staff's review of the event inquiry by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) into the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) oversight of the auxiliary feedwater (AFW) system at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP) ([OIG CASE No. 20-025](#), dated March 25, 2022). It assesses the report's findings, observations, and assertions using established inspection policy and interim guidance. This memorandum provides recommendations for actions to take as a result of this inquiry.

First and foremost, the staff agrees that "the licensee has remedied the AFW system failure and DCNPP continues to operate safely" (inquiry, page ii), based on the inspection and performance indicator evaluation (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML22054A263](#)). The NRC continues to have reasonable assurance that DCNPP is operating safely. In addition, the Reactor Oversight Process and its associated inspection program continue to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety. The NRC regional and headquarters staff are confident that the DCNPP resident inspectors appropriately completed the 2020 inspection under IP 71111.04, "Equipment Alignment," dated December 20, 2018 (ADAMS Accession No. [ML18047A019](#)), in accordance with NRC inspection manual direction and additional oversight guidance related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.

The NRC continues to have confidence in the training, qualification, and professionalism of the inspectors involved in this inquiry. The staff offers clarifying comments on the specific findings and observations of this inquiry, including potential areas to further improve inspector training, and for clarification in inspection procedures.

Enclosures:

1. Assessment of the OIG's Event
Inquiry into the U.S. NRC's Oversight
of the AFW System at DCNPP
2. Timeline of Events

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