

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Dicus            September 14, 1999

FROM:            William D. Travers original /s/ by  
                     Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT:        UPDATE TO STAFF RESPONSE TO TASKING MEMORANDUM AND  
                     STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

Attached for your information is the staff's September update to the plan of short- and long-term actions to respond to selected issues raised during the July 30, 1998, hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air and Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety and the July 17, 1998, Commission meeting with stakeholders.

Additions and changes to the August 1999, update are marked in redline and strike out. Minor editorial changes have not been highlighted. Explanations for changes are provided in the associated remarks.

Since the August update, the following significant milestones have been completed:

- I.        A safety evaluation was issued for Arkansas Nuclear One that approved a pilot program which utilizes risk-information for determining the locations for performing certain types of in-service inspections of piping.
- II.       A revised enforcement policy that addresses elimination of regulatory significance was developed and submitted to the Commission.
- III.      The rulemaking for the Holtec HISTAR 100 (Dual-Purpose) cask system was completed and the certificate of compliance for use under Part 72 was issued.
- IV.      The inspection associated with the shipment of the PGE-Trojan reactor vessel was completed.
- V.       The safety evaluation for Browns Ferry 2 and 3 approving the extension of allowed outage times for Emergency Diesel Generators was issued.
- VI.      A meeting was conducted with stakeholders on the subject of risk-informing 10 CFR Part 50 requirements.
- VII.     A change was published that amended 10 CFR Part 51. The rule change revised the environmental information required in applications to renew the operating licenses of nuclear power plants.

Attachment: As stated

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