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MEMORANDUM TO: Elizabeth J. Yeates
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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM FROM MR. JORAM HOPENFELD

The attached memorandum, "DPO PANEL REVIEW OF STEAM GENERATOR INTEGRITY," was sent to William Travers, Executive Director for Operations (EDO), by Mr. Joram Hopenfeld on September 28, 1999. The memorandum is being treated as another communication on Mr. Hopenfeld's existing Differing Professional Opinion (DPO). That DPO is under review in accordance with an approach proposed in a memo to Mr. Hopenfeld from the EDO dated December 29, 1999, accepted by Mr. Hopenfeld on January 5, 1999. Consistent with this process, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has prepared a DPO Consideration Document which provides a detailed analysis of the DPO issues. This document is being sent to Mr. Hopenfeld for his review. If the issues are not resolved to Mr. Hopenfeld's satisfaction, an ad hoc panel will be formed to address the remaining issues in a report to the EDO. The EDO will then make a final determination on the resolution of this DPO.

The attached memorandum also discusses the implications of the issues raised in the DPO for a license amendment reviewed for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 1. The staff considered the DPO issues in its initial review of the Farley amendment. In the staff's professional judgement, there is no new information in the September 28, 1999, memorandum that goes beyond the DPO information already considered in arriving at its licensing decision for Farley. Therefore, no further action is planned on the September 28, 1999, memorandum other than to include it in the consideration of the DPO issues.

In a memorandum dated October 15, 1999, Mr. Hopenfeld requested that the Executive Director for Operations approve placement of his September 28, 1999, memorandum in the Public Document Room (PDR). Please place this memorandum and the attachment in the PDR.

Attachments:
As stated

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