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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: William D. Travers */RA/*
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL REPORT - STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DAVIS-BESSE LESSONS LEARNED TASK FORCE REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS

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All activities scheduled during this period were completed. Some action plan target dates for future activities were revised and some new milestones were added. Lower priority items not included in the action plans were reviewed in accordance with the agency's Planning, Budgeting and Performance Management process, and lead organization responsibility was assigned and target dates were established following discussions with office management.

Activities addressing stress corrosion cracking included monitoring spring outage inspection results, following up with plants discovering defects, and evaluating requests for alternatives to Order EA-03-009, which established interim inspection requirements for reactor pressure vessel heads. The staff has initiated a rulemaking plan to incorporate revised inspection requirements for reactor pressure vessel heads and vessel head penetration nozzles in 10 CFR 50.55a. The staff also completed its evaluation of licensee responses to Bulletin 2002-01 regarding boric acid corrosion control programs and published the results in Regulatory Issues Summary 2003-13.

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