

January 3, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: Samuel Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Ashok C. Thadani, Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

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

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE DAVIS-BESSE LESSONS
LEARNED TASK FORCE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

By memorandum dated September 30, 2002, Arthur T. Howell, Team Leader of the Davis-Besse Reactor Vessel Head Degradation Lessons-Learned Task Force (LLTF), submitted the LLTF Final Report. On October 3, 2002, I established a Senior Management Review Team (RT) to review the recommendations in the LLTF report and develop a proposed plan for addressing the recommendations. The RT completed its review and provided a recommended course of action in a memorandum from Carl J. Paperiello to me, dated November 26, 2002. The memo is provided as an attachment.

The RT endorsed all but two of the LLTF recommendations, and integrated the agreed upon recommendations into four overarching categories. The RT prioritized the recommendations, giving highest priority to the recommendations most closely linked to the contributing causes of the Davis-Besse event, as well as actions needed to respond to the vessel head corrosion phenomenon. Action plans and/or focused activities were proposed, with a few already under development, to address the high priority recommendations in each overarching category. Proposed implementation time frames were provided for the high priority activities. The remaining lower priority activities should be integrated into the operational planning activities for the lead offices. The RT also noted that many recommendations are already being addressed in ongoing activities.

The purpose of this memorandum is to task the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) to develop an overall plan that follows the recommended course of action in the RT memorandum. This overall plan would include the action plans and other focused activities as identified and outlined in the RT memo. NRR and RES should coordinate the responsibility for developing the overall plan to provide a comprehensive approach to the RT recommended course of action, clearly delineating schedules and responsible offices. All recommendations identified by the RT as high priority should be included in the plan. The overall plan, including action plans, should be provided to me by February 28, 2003. In addition, resource implications, and any impacts on existing work and schedules should be provided to me at the same time you provide the overall plan.

The lower priority recommendations should be integrated with other activities in accordance with the Agency's Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Management (PBPM) process. A semi-annual report of the status of implementation of each item should be provided thereafter. The overall plan should identify a the lead office and point of contact for providing the semi-annual reports.

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