

February 8, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: James T. Wiggins
Deputy Regional Administrator
Region I

M. Wayne Hodges, Deputy Director
Technical Review Directorate
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC REVIEW PANEL FOR "DIFFERING
PROFESSIONAL OPINION ON STEAM GENERATOR TUBE
INTEGRITY ISSUES"

By this memorandum, I appoint you to the ad hoc review panel for the "Differing Professional Opinion on Steam Generator Integrity Issues." You, Mr. Wiggins, will serve as Chairman of this panel and Mr. Hodges as a technical panel member. Consideration of this differing professional opinion (DPO) has been proceeding according to a memorandum dated December 29, 1998, included as an attachment, which established a three-step approach somewhat different than the standard approach for addressing DPOs in Management Directive 10.159. Steps (1) publication of specific documents for public comment, and (2) preparation of a final staff position, have been completed. Dr. Hopenfeld, the author of the DPO, has completed his part of step (3) by reviewing the staff's final position and providing a response in which he identifies areas in which he feels that the issues are still unresolved. The appointment of this ad hoc panel to address remaining issues completes step (3). The ad hoc panel should conduct its review in accordance with the three-step approach described above and the guidelines in Management Directive 10.159 "Differing Professional Views or Opinions." Your first action should be to contact Dr. Hopenfeld and solicit from him a list of names from which you may select a third member of the panel.

This DPO deals with complex technical issues. It was submitted as a differing professional view on December 23, 1991. Since that time, an extensive record of documentation has developed which includes presentations to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) and the Committee for the Review of Generic Requirements (CRGR). As soon as you

have selected the third member of the panel, it will be necessary to assess the amount of time that will be required for your review and to provide a schedule for your activities. In addition, the panel should provide periodic updates on its progress. After completing the review, the panel shall issue a summary report with its recommendations.

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