




UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

FROM: Frank P. Gillespie, Chair 
Ad-Hoc Review Panel

SUBJECT: DIFFERING PROFESSIONAL VIEW CONCERNING
TERMINATION OF THE OPERATIONAL SAFEGUARDS
RESPONSE EVALUATION PROGRAM

In memoranda dated August 7, 1998, August 21, 1998, Thomas W. Dexter, A. Bruce Earnest, Dennis W. Schaefer and David N. Orrik forwarded to you the differing professional view concerning termination of the Operational Safeguards Response Evaluation Program (OSRE). The primary concern of the submitters was that the current regulations, as implemented, are deficient in assuring the level of protection required by NRC's Design Basis Threat (DBT) for radiological sabotage at nuclear power plants. Therefore, the on site reviews and exercises done as part of the conduct of an OSRE and the licensees' voluntary modifications, which have preceded or proceeded the OSRE, have become the vehicle for ensuring the needed level of protection. One submitter did raise the additional concern that following an OSRE, some licensees have discontinued the increased measures needed to meet the OSRE objectives. Additional concerns were developed during the Panel's review. All concerns are discussed in the enclosed report.

Your memorandum dated September 1, 1998, designated that an ad-hoc panel be formed to review this differing professional view. The members of the Ad-Hoc Review Panel were Frank P. Gillespie as Chair, Arthur B. Beach as a management member, and Elizabeth Q. Ten Eyck, as a staff member as recommended and agreed upon by all submitters.

Enclosed is the Panel's report with its findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Enclosure: As stated

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