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MEMORANDUM TO: James Caldwell
Deputy Regional Administrator
Region III

FROM: William M. Dean, Chief **/RA/**
Inspection Program Branch
Division of Inspection Program Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REPORT TITLED "PLANT-SPECIFIC BACKFIT AUDIT
REPORT"

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Resource allocation should not exceed 4 person-days for Region III and 1 person-day for each other Region. The TAC/ITS for this review is MB1474. In order to meet planned issuance schedule, Region III is requested to provide formal comments to the RES contact, Mr. John Kauffman, (301) 415-6830 or E-mail @ JVK prior to April 26, 2001, with a copy to the NRR contact below. Other Regions should support Region III accordingly.

The forwarding letter and attachment is located in ADAMS under Accession Number ML010710076.

Questions regarding this activity should be directed to the NRR contact, Tom Foley at (301) 415-1036 or E-mail @TXF1.

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