

May 1, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director /RA/
Office of International Program

SUBJECT: QUESTIONNAIRE FROM A-C. LACOSTE, DSIN

I am transmitting a questionnaire that I received from Andre-Claude Lacoste, Director, DSIN for the staff's action. The questionnaire results from review of earlier material relating to the System 80+ and the AP 600 safety reviews that were provided to DSIN by the NRC staff. The material is being used for a comparative technical evaluation of advanced nuclear reactor designs that is being conducted by the Institute for Protection and Nuclear Safety(IPSN). DSIN will provide the results of the evaluation to NRC when it is completed.

In briefly reviewing the questionnaire it appears to be quite lengthy and detailed, likely requiring significant effort to complete. Possibly, responding by a combination of written responses and meetings at NRC by involving appropriate staff could be a more efficient manner of handling the request than providing all written responses.

Because of the valuable cooperation we maintain with DSIN, I hope we can respond favorably to this request. Please inform me of the staff's plans when decided.

Attachment: Letter from Mr. Lacoste

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