

February 26, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: Joseph A. Murphy, Chairman
Committee To Review Generic Requirements

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SUBJECT: REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERIC
REQUIREMENTS OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS RELATED TO
BACKFIT

In a memorandum dated January 18, 2002, you requested electronic files containing the procedures established by the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) to govern the backfit process. In response to that request, we are providing electronic files of this memorandum and other pertinent documents in the attached 3.5-inch diskette. This response provides hyperlinks to documents residing on the NRC Web site and accession numbers for documents residing in the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

- The fundamental document applying to the entire agency is Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "NRC Program for Management of Plant-Specific Backfitting of Nuclear Power Plants," which can be accessed via the NRC's internal Web site at http://www.internal.nrc.gov/ADM/DAS/cag/Management_Directives/md8.4.pdf. Please note that this new MD replaces the old NRC Manual Chapter NRC-0514, "NRC Program for Management of Plant-Specific Backfitting of Nuclear Power Plants."
- Revision 1 of NRR Office Letter No. 901 can be accessed at nrr10.nrc.gov/nrr01/01901.html. This office letter implements 10 CFR 50.109, 10 CFR 50.54(f), and NRC Manual Chapter NRC-0514. The NRR staff is scheduled to revise this document into an office instruction (LIC-202) this year.
- Using the NRC's internal Web server, all NRC staff members can receive online training, prepared by NRR, regarding the backfit process. This online training can be accessed at <http://www.internal.nrc.gov/NRR/BACKFIT/index.html>. Note that during the agency's ongoing Web redesign effort, the Significant Agency Initiative information referenced in this training has been removed from the internal server because it duplicates information given elsewhere on the new Web site.
- Revision 2 of NRR Office Letter No. 500, "Procedures for Control and Review of Generic Requirements" (electronic file contained in the attached 3.5-inch diskette), contains an appendix on backfit reporting. The NRR staff is scheduled to revise this document into an office instruction (LIC-400) this year.

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