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To: WND2.WNP5.DLS2 - David Solorio
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Subject: AE Team Prioritization -Reply

Dave,

No, your determination of RIII's priorities for AE inspections from the screening meeting are not correct. First, Davis Besse and DC Cook already have AE inspections scheduled (Besse's has started and Cook's is in August). Fermi is a high priority in Region III, but not necessarily for an AE inspection (perhaps another agency tool would be better for Fermi since the issues are much more than just design). Big Rock would be a concern if they weren't predicting a shutdown for decommissioning this fall. As a result we indicated we did not intend to do anything at Big Rock unless they decide to continue to operate past this fall. Prairie Island is not recommended for an AE inspection because we have a Regional SOPI (in-depth design inspection) in progress now. Zion and LaSalle both have 2 units shutdown and will require MC 0350 restart reviews prior to start-up and so are also not near term candidates for AE inspections, either. Further both are S&L plants and 1 of the 2 AE inspection teams is S&L, which would be a conflict of interest. Palisades and Pt Beach remain likely candidates for AE inspections in RIII. Other likely candidates would be Quad Cities, Braidwood or Byron (due to similarity only need to do 1 or the other), or perhaps Clinton, but it is a bit similar to Zion and LaSalle. All the rest of RIII's plants have either had an AE, a SOPI, or an ISI.

-Mark

>>> David Solorio 04/23/97 09:09am >>>
Mark,

I have been asked to solicit the regions regarding what priority they would place on their recommendations for AE team inspection. The reason for this is because apparently the budgeting for the AEs will not provide money beyond 1998 and reduced the money for AEs in 1998 may limit the number performed.

From the 50.54(f) review summary and the Region 3 screening meeting I have determined that your two highest priorities are **Davis-Besse and Fermi**.

However, there were other plants recommended for an AE:

Zion, LaSalle, Palisades, Prairie Island, Big Rock Point, and Point Beach.

I considered these to be a lower priority because there was other information in the review summary that indicated other inspections could be performed in lieu of an AE or because you stated during your screening meeting that regional management did not support the review team's recommendation for an AE.

Please let me know out of the 6, how you would rank your first to last priority. This information will be used by SIB to determine what plants the contractors being used can support early on to ensure optimum support to the regions.

Thanks

Dave

CC: GEG, MNL, JLC1, JAG

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