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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MAY 19, 1998, COUNTERPART CONFERENCE
CALL ON REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING

Representatives from NRR, NMSS, RI, RII, RIII, and RIV participated in a counterpart conference call on reactor decommissioning on May 19, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. A summary of these discussions is presented below.

NMSS and NRR staff provided a brief status report of each decommissioning reactor or whether there was any significant changes since the last counterpart call:

Fermi 1	Dresden Unit 1	San Onofre Unit 1	Big Rock Point
Peach Bottom 1	Yankee Rowe	Saxton	Maine Yankee
Fort St. Vrain	Indian Point Unit 1	Connecticut Yankee	Vallecitos
Trojan	Lacrosse	Humboldt Bay	Zion Units 1 and 2
Rancho Seco	Three Mile Island Unit 2		

Summaries and lessons learned were discussed on recent PSDAR meetings at Lacrosse, Fermi, and Humboldt Bay. A successful public meeting, facilitated by Chip Cameron, was held at Fermi. An inspection was performed prior to that meeting. The public meeting at Humboldt Bay also went well. Zion has an upcoming pre-PSDAR meeting on June 1, 1998 and PSDAR meeting in June 1999. Peach Bottom has an upcoming PSDAR meeting on June 29, 1998. The PSDAR meeting for Dresden is expected in late July 1998. The meeting schedules for the remaining plants that have not had a PSDAR public meeting are to be determined.

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The NRC-sponsored workshop on the implementation of the Maintenance Rule for decommissioning status plants was conducted on April 30, 1998, in Region III. A summary of the workshop is attached. The contact for this is Bob Latta at (301) 415-1023 or RML1.

NRR staff noted that the draft NUREG-1628, "Staff Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors," was published in April 1998. The purpose of this document is to answer many of the same questions asked by the public regarding decommissioning reactors. This document can be distributed at public meetings. The contact is John Minns at (301) 415-3166 or JLM3. NRR staff requests that any necessary corrections or additions to this draft NUREG be provided to John Minns by September 30, 1998.

The licensees are required to submit an FSAR update to NRC every 2 years. NRR staff is encouraging the licensees to partition their Decommissioning Plan to separate the information required in the FSAR and call that section their FSAR. Schedule and other appropriate information should be placed in a revised PSDAR. This would enable these licensees to more closely follow the intent of the revised regulations.

The revised Manual Chapter 2561 on decommissioning inspections was implemented in August 1997. NRR staff received comments on various items in the manual chapter. Paul Harris is currently reviewing these comments. NRR staff is also working on new Inspection Procedures, and the topics are Occupational Exposure and Radioactive Waste Handling. John Minns is currently reviewing these comments. NRR staff welcomes any additional comments on any of these documents.

The new decommissioning board will be established to enhance overall managing of decommissioning issues. Members will include representatives from NRR, NMSS, RES, and a region. The scope and role of the board will be discussed and refined at the first board meeting on May 28, 1998. The contact is Ron Uleck, the coordinator of the meetings, at (301) 415-6722 or RBU.

The next counterpart conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Attachment: As stated

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