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From: Ferrante, Fernando *INRR*
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 5:30 PM
To: Mitman, Jeffrey *INRR*
Subject: FW:

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From: Ferrante, Fernando *MLR*
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 12:34 PM
To: Riggs, Eric
Subject: RE:

Well, same here. By the way, if you want to read it, here it is: ML103410042. This was drafted in NRR/DE and I don't believe it will pass through NRR/DRA concurrence at this point. Mitman and I have been discussing this (all credit goes to him for finding the document and keeping pressure on this).

I would be interested in seeing your Flooding TIA if you don't mind sending it. On my side, I have pushed hard to get the generic flooding issue through to the Generic Issue Program in RES. I don't think it's a perfect solution, but it's at least a way to keep the issue alive and on the radar. However, I am realizing that it's going to be an uphill battle, as I started working on GSI-199 (update to seismic hazard curves in CEUS for operating plants) and there appears to be a lot of timidity on NRR's part on what to do next with it (although we asked for it and RES already did its part). Ironically, ONS is also on the list for actual increases due to additional understanding of faults in the SC area. The real challenge on this side is that keeping the issues alive depends practically on individual effort at this point. On top of that, when risk-related issues come up, the discussion invariably ends with a statement that we don't regulate by risk in 10CFR50 or that we already gave them a license (which even if true, don't address the issue itself).

I will keep you on the loop on some of these issues. If support is needed can we talk to you at some point?

Regards,
Fernando

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From: Riggs, Eric *IRI*
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Ferrante, Fernando
Subject: RE:

Wow... I am shocked that the JCO would be extended.

In my opinion, the agency has stuck its neck out too far on these issues. The HELB and Tornado violations should have never been closed in the ROP. They should have stayed open like the Palo Verde ECCS air issue in Region IV. Oconee made no real corrective actions and regional management just wanted them off the books, so the licensee would not slide to column 4 of the action matrix. I don't know if you ever read the draft Flooding TIA that I wrote. It is full of spelling and grammatical errors - I was working on it on my own time and never

got to finish it, as I was directed to stop pursuing the issues. Apparently, the pursuit of the issue made me look like I was unobjective - out to get the licensee.

The guys at the site (who just called me for an unrelated item) are so swamped that they don't really have time to think about any one issue too much. Right now, it appears that regional management is pushing the 95002 to narrow the scope of their inspection and close the SSF issue ASAP (just like Tornado/HELB and every other greater than green issue). The region pushed the inspection back several times because the licensee was not ready or found a new problem.... to the point that most people are unavailable at the Christmas holiday. They have 2 solid team members, 1 good team member and a newbie. I guess that if the issue is not closed this quarter, they would slip to Col 4; hence, the push to get 'er done. I think that the inspection is next week.

The licensee is hanging on by a thread at this point. I guess that the residents have two or three other issues dealing with the SSF that appear to be greater than green and are awaiting a Phase III analysis. So, the region could game the system and wait to process the issues until the current yellow and white are closed - nothing new there.

Then there's the Tornado/HELB project - it is a mess. They are at least a year behind, and finding or creating new problems as they go.

The site is a mess. I heard about a Deputy Director in DORL for just Oconee. It is incredible that we bend over backwards for these guys. Why, I have no idea.

If I was in Region IV, I would not follow any Region II precedent at Oconee.

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From: Ferrante, Fernando *mf*
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:09 AM
To: Riggs, Eric
Subject: RE:

I believe an extension to the JCO is in the works from a document I saw in ADAMS recently, but this may become problematic unless ONS provides actual information on long-term solutions. So far, we haven't seen any in NRR/DRA. They also never submitted the Jocassee PRA study that was supposed to be finished last year.

I also noticed DORL is setting up a deputy director specific to ONS, so I agree there must be a lot going on, besides the dam issue.

How do the residents view this ONS flooding issue? Region IV folks are waiting for a resolution in Region II to see how and if they need to pursue dam failure scenarios for specific sites such as FCS (where it seems unanalyzed PMP increase is really the more relevant core issue).

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From: Riggs, Eric *er*
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:00 AM
To: Ferrante, Fernando
Subject: RE:

The Oconee issue, which had generic implications...

I keep hearing from the residents at ONS - so many problems over there.

Thanks,
Eric

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From: Ferrante, Fernando
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 9:57 AM
To: Riggs, Eric
Subject: RE:

Eric,

Which one? I am dealing with a few:

- ONS dam-failure flooding
- probable maximum precipitation update for FCS
- probable maximum precipitation update for TVA sites
- generic flooding issue for operating sites due to dam failures
- Information Notice on dam failure frequencies

Thank you,

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So where is that flood issue headed?

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