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For: The Commissioners

From: James M. Taylor  
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Subject: ANNUAL STATUS REPORT ON LICENSING ACTIONS, FISCAL  
YEAR 1992

Purpose: To inform the Commission of the status of  
licensing actions<sup>1</sup> and progress achieved in  
meeting inventory goals.

Discussion: As discussed in the June 9, 1989 memorandum to the  
Commission, "Operating Reactor Licensing Actions  
and Technical Specifications Improvements", NRR  
established goals to control the size of the  
licensing action inventory, and to improve our  
responsiveness to Licensee's requests for license  
amendments. The maximum inventory level was set  
at an average of 25 actions per plant ( $110 \times 25 =$   
2,750). The goals for responsiveness to  
licensee's requests called for 80 percent of the  
actions in the inventory to be less than or equal  
to 1 year old and 95 percent to be less than or  
equal to 2 years old; 100 percent of the inventory  
was to be less than or equal to 3 years old; no  
actions were to be older than 3 years old. These  
goals are still in effect.

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Although NRR has not yet achieved it's goals in  
responsiveness, progress has been realized in  
reducing both the size and age of the inventory.

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<sup>1</sup> In this paper "licensing actions" refers to those items  
requiring review and approval by the staff prior to licensee  
implementation.

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Charts 1 and 2 address the status of the licensing action inventory as a whole. Chart 1 shows licensing action inventory activity through Fiscal Year 1992. The current inventory of 1,143 is well within the established target level of 2,750. This chart also shows that, in general, NRR has completed more licensing actions than it has taken in during the past year, and that the inventory is trending downward. Chart 2 puts the fiscal year data into historical perspective. Significantly, incoming licensing actions have been trending slightly upward over the past five fiscal quarters, although completions have kept pace with incoming actions. Therefore, although the inventory has been dropping steadily for the past few years, there is no evidence that licensees are requesting less work.

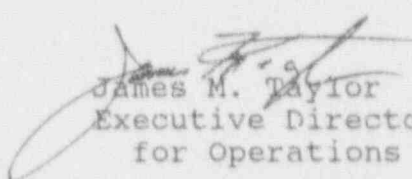
Charts 3 and 4 document NRR's progress in achieving it's goals for responsiveness to licensee requests. During FY 92, NRR conducted a detailed analysis of the oldest licensing actions and concluded that many of them were multi-plant actions opened in response to operational events. A concerted effort is underway to bring these issues to closure, since each issue resolution can result in as many as 50 completed licensing actions.

Chart 3 shows the number of licensing actions in each age category, and relates each to the percentage goal. The percentage of licensing actions less than or equal to 1 year old was 61.4 percent at the end of FY 1992, up from 56 percent at the end of FY 91. 83.8 percent of the inventory was less than or equal to 2 years old, up from 76 percent at the end of last year. 95.7 percent of actions were less than or equal to 3 years old, up from 89 percent last year. Finally, 4.3 percent of the inventory was over 3 years old at the end of FY 92; 11 percent was over three years old at the end of FY 91.

Chart 4 illustrates NRR's steady progress over the past three years in reducing the median age of the licensing action inventory. In 1992, the median age dropped to 7.6 months, the lowest point since measurement began.

For comparison purposes, there were 1,143 licensing actions in the inventory at the end of this Fiscal Year as opposed to 1,411 actions at the end of FY 1991; there were 49 licensing actions over three years old at the end of FY 92 compared to 153 actions over three years old at the end of FY 91.

In summary, the size of the licensing action inventory is within target levels.

  
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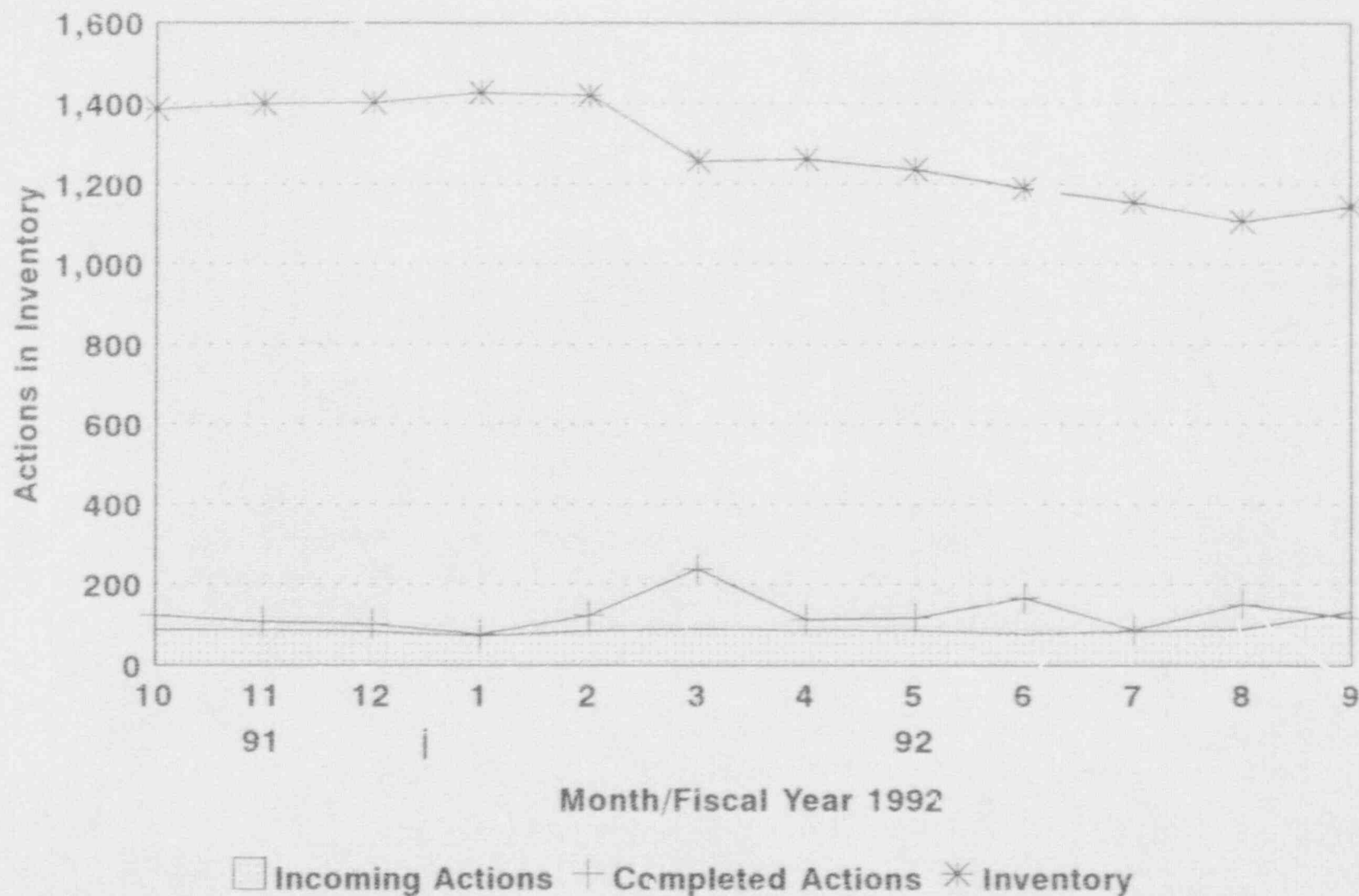
- Chart 1: FY 1992 Licensing Actions
- Chart 2: Licensing Actions, FY 88-92
- Chart 3: Responsiveness to Licensee Requests
- Chart 4: Licensing Actions: Median Age

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# FY 1992 LICENSING ACTIONS

## Incoming Versus Completed, by Month



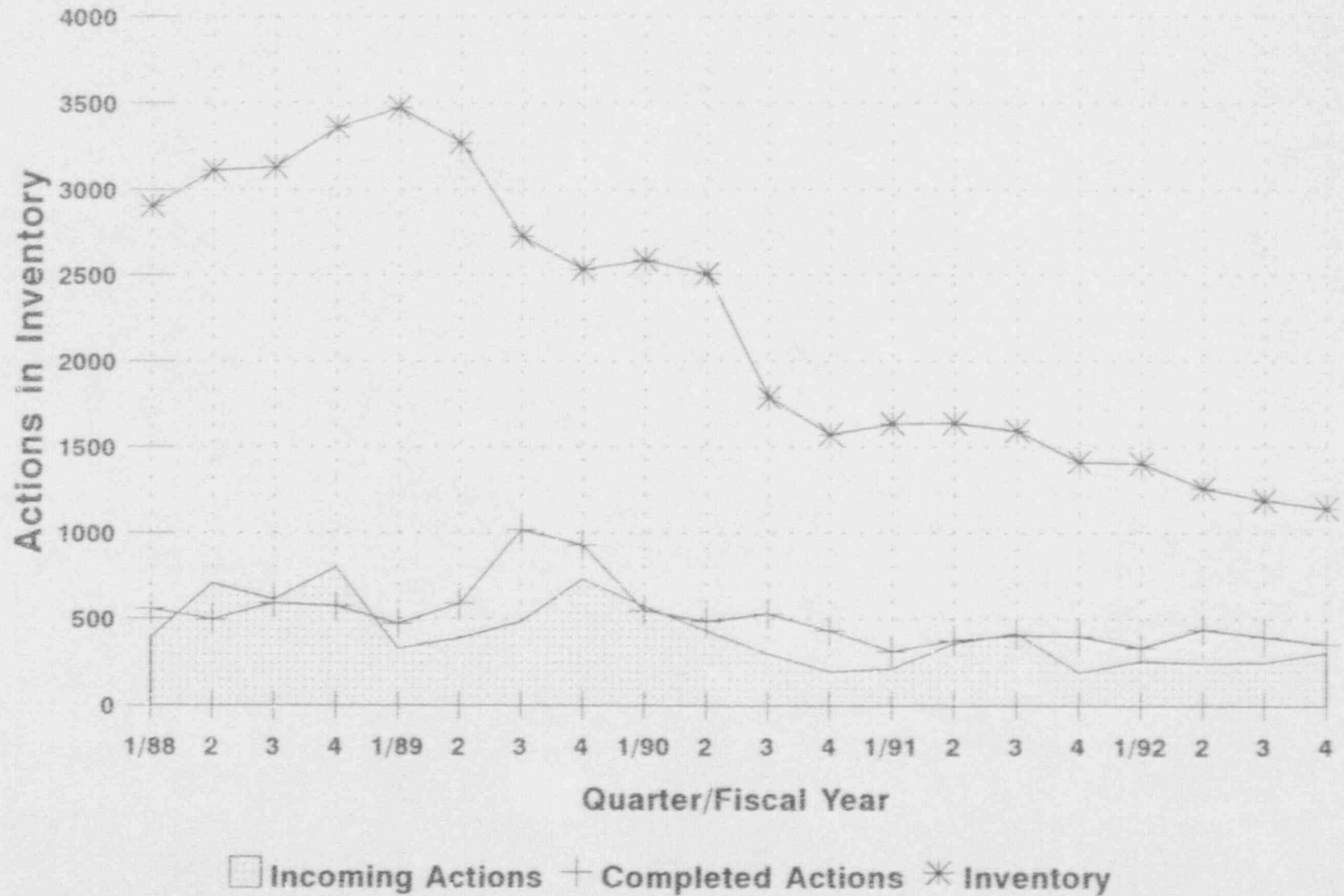
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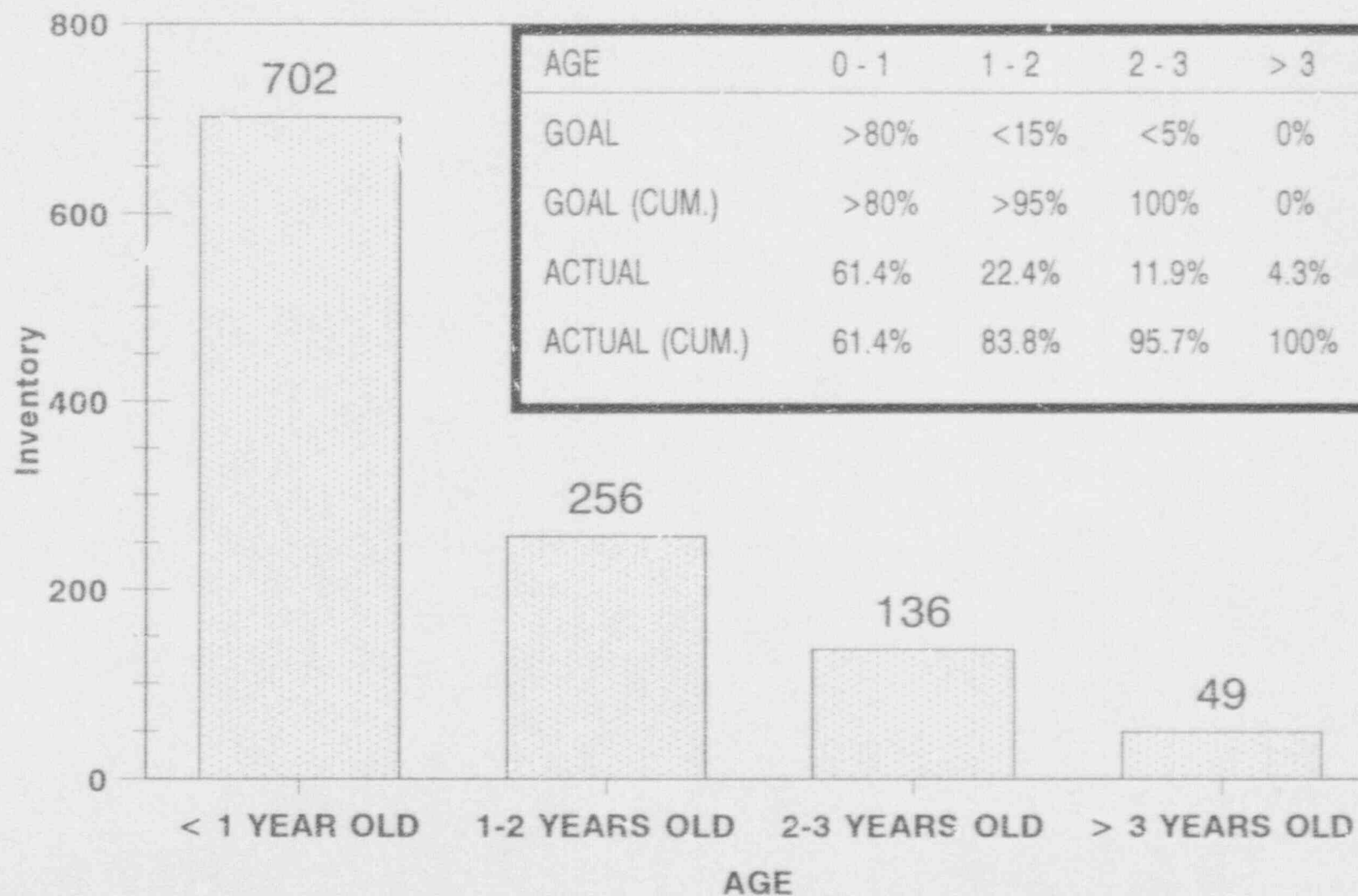
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# RESPONSIVENESS TO LICENSEE REQUESTS

## Age of Licensing Actions, Fiscal Year 1992



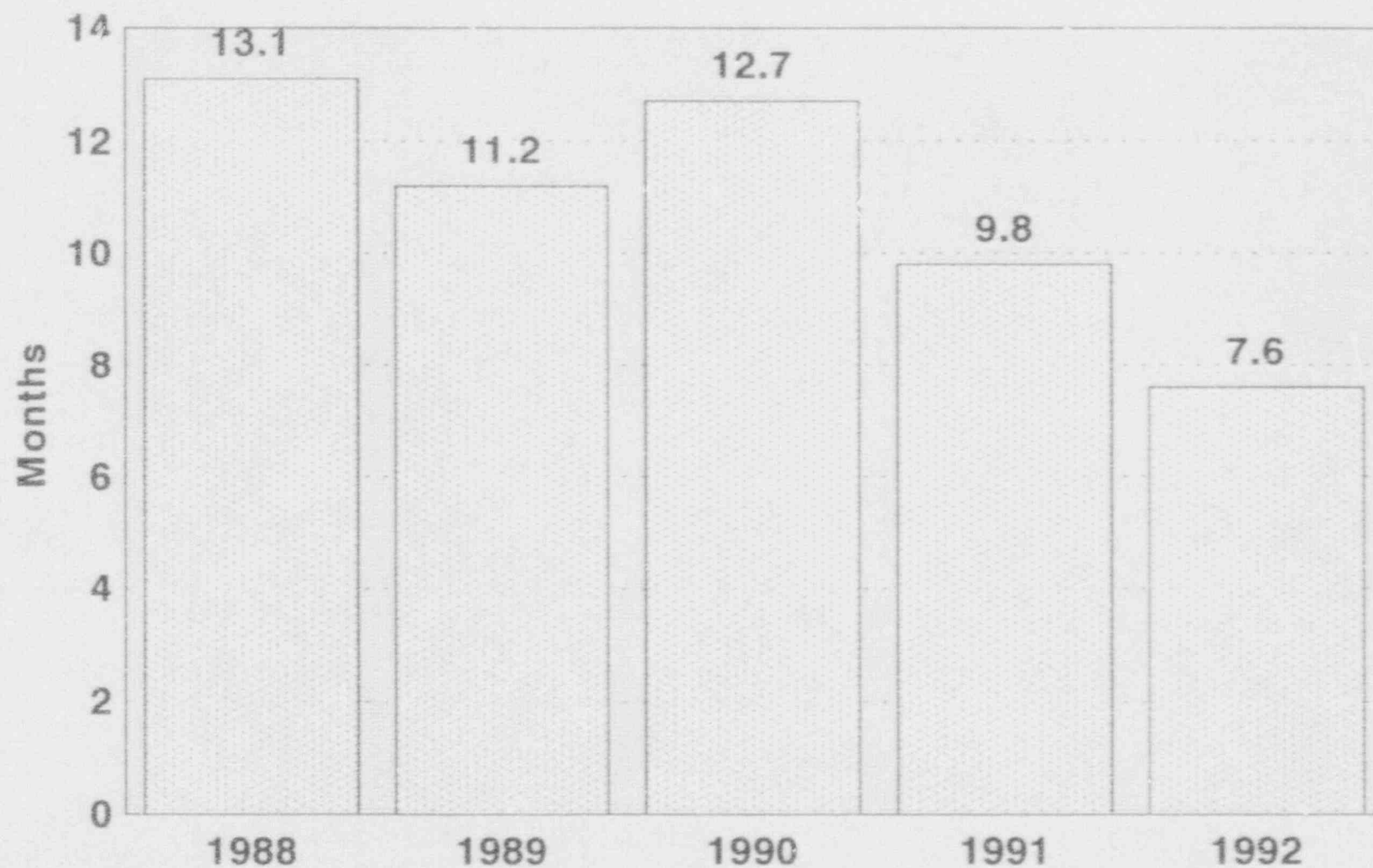
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Chart 3

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## MEDIAN AGE OF INVENTORY



Source: WISP