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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Jackson
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FROM: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

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SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE THERMO-LAG ACTION PLAN
AND FIRE PROTECTION TASK ACTION PLAN

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