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For: The Commissioners

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Subject: TMI-1 RESTART - STATUS OF STAFF EFFORT ON
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS

Purpose: To inform the Commission concerning the current status of the staff's efforts regarding psychological stress associated with TMI-1 restart.

Discussion: During its meeting on July 6, 1982, the Commission discussed the pending National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) review of a proposed psychological survey designed by Dr. George Warheit to be administered in the TMI area, and requested the staff to provide information on any other planned effort.

Other than the survey under review by NIMH, no new efforts are planned at this time. A number of studies involving re-analysis of existing data and limited collection of new information, as discussed in SECY 82-92 (March 2, 1982) are still active and nearing completion. These include re-analysis efforts by Drs. Baum, Bronet, and Houts, all of whom collected data in the TMI area following the TMI-2 accident and during the venting of Krypton-85 from TMI-2 containment, and a review of psychological stress information developed for the Kemeny Commission in order to develop a bounding case for an assessment, should that prove necessary.

It is anticipated that the NIMH review of the Warheit survey will be completed by mid September. At that time,

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the staff will provide a full briefing on the survey and/or alternatives suggested by NIPM, along with recommendations for a preferred course of action based on the situation existing at that time.



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