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Clarification Concerning Pilgrim Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection Program

References:

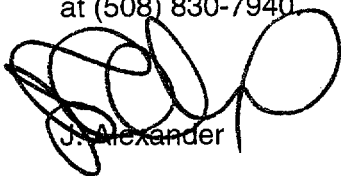
1. Pilgrim Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection Program, ENG. letter No. 2.00.084, dated December 27, 2000.
2. Letter from P.J. O'Regan (EPRI) to Dr. B. Sherron (USNRC), "Extension of Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection (RI-ISI) Methodology, dated February 28, 2001.

Entergy Nuclear Generation Company submitted the Pilgrim Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection (RI-ISI) program for NRC review and approval by ENG. Letter No. 2.00.084, December 27, 2000 (Reference 1). This letter provides the following clarification concerning the Interim Thermal Fatigue Management Guidelines (MRP-24) as applicable to the Pilgrim RI-ISI program.

The alternative thermal stratification, cycling, and striping (TASCS) susceptibility screening criteria provided in the Pilgrim RI-ISI submittal is consistent with the criteria submitted by EPRI for generic approval via (Reference 2). It is also consistent with the criteria contained in the Interim Thermal Fatigue Management Guidelines (MRP-24). Once the final MRP guidance has been developed, it is EPRI's intent to update the RI-ISI methodology for the evaluation of susceptibility to thermal fatigue, as appropriate.

The above clarification to the Pilgrim-specific RI-ISI program supports the conclusion that the proposed alternative described in the Pilgrim RI-ISI submittal provides an acceptable level of quality and safety as required by 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i).

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