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Implementation of Interim Thermal Fatigue Management Guideline (MRP-24) for 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. Sheron (USNRC), "Extension of Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection (RI-ISI) Methodology, dated February 28, 2001.
3. Clarification Concerning Pilgrim Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection Program, ENG. Letter No. 2.01.044, dated March 27, 2001.


This letter provides additional information concerning the Interim Thermal Fatigue Management Guideline (MRP-24) as related to the Pilgrim Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection (RI-ISI) program that was submitted for NRC review and approval by Reference 1.

Once the final MRP guidance has been developed, EPRI intends to update the RI-ISI methodology for the evaluation of susceptibility to thermal fatigue, as appropriate (Reference 2). The applicability of MRP guidance to the Pilgrim RI-ISI submittal is discussed in Reference 3. Entergy will adopt the updated EPRI RI-ISI methodology as it applies to Pilgrim and will modify the Pilgrim RI-ISI program accordingly.

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This 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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