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Subject: Request to Terminate Review of WCAP-16063, "Ambient Temper Bead Repair of Head Adapter Penetrations in PWR Reactor Vessel Upper Heads"

In letter LTR-NRC-03-15 dated April 24, 2003, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC requested review and generic approval of a machine Gas Tungsten Arc Welding temper bead repair technique at ambient temperature as an alternate repair technique. WCAP-16063, "Ambient Temper Bead Repair of Head Adapter Penetrations in PWR Reactor Vessel Upper Heads" was provided to define and provide technical justification for the ambient temperature temper bead welding technique.

Westinghouse Electric Company LLC is withdrawing the request for generic approval of this temper bead repair technique. Please terminate the NRC review of the generic topical report (WCAP-16063) that was provided in support of the temper bead repair technique at ambient temperature. It is expected that future use of this technique will be based on plant specific relief requests. This request to terminate review of WCAP-16063 should have no effect on any plant specific reviews in process or on previous plant specific approvals of the use of the technique.

Please contact D. A. Lindgren at 412-374-4956 if you have any questions concerning this transmittal.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. A. Sepp'.

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