

September 30, 2003

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF WCAP-15830-P, REV. 00, "STAGGERED INTEGRATED
ESF TESTING" (TAC NO. MB9131)

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The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of WCAP-15830-P, Rev. 00. We have found that the material presented is complete enough to begin a review. The staff expects to issue RAIs by October 15, 2003, and complete its review by March 15, 2004. It is estimated that the review will require approximately 160 staff hours.

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