

February 24, 2006

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE BWRVIP-41, REVISION 1 TOPICAL REPORT, "BWR VESSEL AND INTERNALS PROJECT, BWR JET PUMP ASSEMBLY INSPECTION AND FLAW EVALUATION GUIDELINES," FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. MD0048)

Dear Mr. Eaton:

By letter dated October 6, 2005, the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) submitted for NRC staff review EPRI Technical Report (TR) 1012137, "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, BWR Jet Pump Assembly Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review and has determined that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The staff expects to issue requests for additional information (RAI) by April 10, 2006, to receive the RAI responses from the BWRVIP by September 10, 2006, and to complete its review by November 20, 2006.

It should be noted that the review of the BWRVIP-138 report, "Updated Jet Pump Beam Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines" will be superceded by the review of the BWRVIP-41, Revision 1 report. The staff and the BWRVIP agree that the BWRVIP-41, Revision 1 report is comprehensive in that it includes the pertinent inspection and flaw evaluation guidelines that are addressed in the BWRVIP-138 report. Therefore, the staff has agreed to cancel the review of the BWRVIP-138 report and resume its review of the jet pump beam inspection and flaw evaluation guidelines via the BWRVIP-41, Revision 1 report.

The staff estimates that the review will require approximately 140 staff-hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone call with Larry Steinert and the NRC staff on February 10, 2006.

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In accordance with the letter dated May 30, 1997, the fee branch has waived the Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations fees associated with this TR review.

Sincerely,

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