

January 6, 2014

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
MRP-335, REVISION 1, "TOPICAL REPORT FOR PRIMARY WATER STRESS  
CORROSION CRACKING MITIGATION BY SURFACE STRESS  
IMPROVEMENT [PEENING]" (TAC NO. MF2429)

Dear Mr. Sunseri:

By letter dated May 1, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML13126A009) the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review MRP-335, Revision 1 "Topical Report [(TR)] for Primary Water Stress Corrosion Cracking Mitigation by Surface Stress Improvement [Peening]." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of MRP-335. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review.

We expect to issue our request for additional information by April 30, 2014 and issue its draft safety evaluation by April 30, 2015. This schedule information takes in consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide appropriate updates to this information. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between Mr. Paul Crocker of EPRI and the NRC staff on December 3, 2013.

In accordance with the letter dated April 15, 2013, ADAMS Accession No. ML13101A078, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has waived fees associated with this TR review in Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

As with all TRs, the safety evaluation will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the final issuance of the SE.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Joseph J. Holonich at (301) 415-7297.

Sincerely,

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