

August 24, 2015

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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION OF "BWRVIP-84, REVISION 2: BWR VESSEL AND
INTERNALS PROJECT, GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION AND USE OF
MATERIALS FOR REPAIRS TO BWR INTERNALS" (EPRI REPORT 1026603,
FEBRUARY 2013 (TAC NO. MF1456)

Dear Mr. Hanley:

By letter dated March 13, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Package No. ML131050057) as supplemented by letter dated February 17, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15142A755), the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel (BWR) and Internals Project (BWRVIP) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review and approval the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) proprietary topical report (TR) 1026603, "BWRVIP-84, Revision 2: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Guidelines for Selection and Use of Materials for Repairs to BWR Internals."

In an e-mail dated May 22, 2015, Mr. Chuck Wirtz, representing EPRI, commented on the draft safety evaluation (SE). The only comments provided were that there was no proprietary information in the draft SE and its content accurately reflected BWRVIP-84, Revision 2.

Based on its review of the information submitted by the BWRVIP, the NRC staff finds the TR acceptable for referencing subject to the limitations specified in the TR and in the NRC SE. The final SE sets the basis for our acceptance of the TR.

Our acceptance applies only to material provided in the subject TR. When the TR appears as a reference in license applications, our review will ensure that the material presented applies to the specific plant involved. License amendment requests that deviate from this TR will be subject to a plant-specific review in accordance with applicable review standards.

In accordance with the guidance provided on the NRC website, we request that the BWRVIP publish accepted versions of each TR within three months of receipt of this letter. The accepted

version shall incorporate this letter and the enclosed final SE after the title page. Also, the accepted version must contain historical review information, including NRC requests for additional information (RAI) and your responses after the title page. The accepted version shall include an "-A" (designating accepted) following the TR identification symbol.

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1. The RAIs and RAI responses can be included as an Appendix to the accepted version.
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If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of the TR, the BWRVIP and/or licensees referencing it will be expected to revise the TR appropriately, or justify its continued applicability for subsequent referencing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph J. Holonich at 301-415-7297 or Joseph.Holonich@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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