

June 11, 2015

Mr. W. Anthony Nowinowski, Program Manager
PWR Owners Group, Program Management Office
Westinghouse Electric Company
1000 Westinghouse Drive, Suite 380
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF THE PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR
OWNERS GROUP TOPICAL REPORT BAW-1543, REVISION 4,
SUPPLEMENT 7, "SUPPLEMENT TO THE MASTER INTEGRATED REACTOR
VESSEL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM" (TAC NO. MF5701)

Dear Mr. Nowinowski:

By letter dated January 23, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Number ML15033A086), the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) BAW-1543, Revision 4, Supplement 7, "Supplement to the Master Integrated Reactor Vessel Surveillance Program." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of TR BAW-1543, Revision 4, Supplement 7. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our comprehensive review. The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by October 30, 2015, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by May 20, 2016. The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 300 staff hours including project management time. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between PWROG Project Manager, Chad Holderbaum, and the NRC staff on May 27, 2015.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the SE 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.

W.A. Nowinowski

- 2 -

Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the issuance of the final SE. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan G. Rowley at (301) 415-4053 or by e-mail at Jonathan.Rowley@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA by HCruz for/

Anthony J. Mendiola, Chief
Licensing Processes Branch
Division of Policy and Rulemaking
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Project No. 694

Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the issuance of the final SE. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan G. Rowley at (301) 415-4053 or by e-mail at Jonathan.Rowley@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA by HCruz for/

Anthony J. Mendiola, Chief
Licensing Processes Branch
Division of Policy and Rulemaking
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Project No. 694

DISTRIBUTION:

PUBLIC

PLPB Reading File

RidsNrrDpr

RidsNrrDprPlpb

RidsNrrLADHarrison

RidsAcrsAcnwMailCenter

RidsOgcMailCenter

RidsNrrDe

RidsNrrDeEvib

JMcHale

AMendiola

ADAMS Accession No: ML15147A153

NRR-106

| OFFICE | PLPB/PM | PLPB/LA | EVIB/BC | PLPB/BC |
|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| NAME | JRowley | DHarrison | JMcHale | AMendiola (HCruz for) |
| DATE | 6/9/2015 | 6/11/2015 | 6/11/2015 | 6/11/2015 |

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY