

April 12, 2016

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SUBJECT: FINAL PROPRIETARY SAFETY EVALUATION FOR ELECTRIC POWER
RESEARCH INSTITUTE TOPICAL REPORT BWRVIP-100, REVISION 1,
“BWRVIP VESSEL AND INTERNALS PROJECT: UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF
THE FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF IRRADIATED STAINLESS STEEL FOR BWR
CORE SHROUDS” (TAC NO. ME8329)

Dear Mr. Hanley:

By letter dated February 7, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Package Accession No. ML120440348), as supplemented by letters dated June 6, 2013, and July 15, 2015 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML131560537 and ML15201A145), the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Program (BWRVIP) submitted topical report (TR) BWRVIP-100, Revision 1, “BWRVIP Vessel and Internals Project: Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds.”

By letter dated November 12, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15294A003), an NRC draft safety evaluation (SE) was provided for your review and comment. By letter dated January 19, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16028A277), EPRI provided comments on the NRC draft SE. The comments provided by EPRI were related to the identification of proprietary information in the draft SE, clarifications and accuracy.

The NRC staff has found that TR BWRVIP-100, Revision 1 is acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for nuclear power plants to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the TR and in the enclosed final proprietary SE. The final proprietary SE defines the basis for our acceptance of the TR.

Our acceptance applies only to material provided in the subject TR. We do not intend to repeat our review of the acceptable material described in the 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.

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As an alternative to including the RAIs and RAI responses behind the title page, if changes to the TRs provided to the NRC staff to support the resolution of RAI responses, and the NRC staff reviewed and approved those changes as described in the RAI responses, there are two ways that the accepted version can capture the RAIs:

1. The RAIs and RAI responses can be included as an Appendix to the accepted version.
2. The RAIs and RAI responses can be captured in the form of a table (inserted after the final SE) which summarizes the changes as shown in the approved version of the TR. The table should reference the specific RAIs and RAI responses which resulted in any changes, as shown in the accepted version of the TR.

If future changes to the NRC’s regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of this TR, EPRI will be expected to revise the TR appropriately. Licensees referencing this TR would be expected to justify its continued applicability or evaluate their plant using the revised TR.

Sincerely,

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