

October 27, 2016

Mr. Charles Withers
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The National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors
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SUBJECT: THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RESPONSE TO THE
SUBMISSION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF BOILER AND PRESSURE
VESSEL INSPECTORS REQUEST REGARDING THE NATIONAL BOARD
NUCLEAR REPAIR ACCREDITATION PROGRAM, DATED
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Dear Mr. Withers:

By letter dated September 9, 2016 (Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16264A175), the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (National Board) requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff recognize the National Board Nuclear Repair (NR) Program. The National Board also requested the NRC communicate “. . . to the nuclear industry the use of the National Board NR Program as an acceptable method of performing repair activities either through issuance of a Regulatory Issue Summary or other industry-recognized document . . .”

The NRC staff appreciates the background information and discussion provided by the National Board. The staff's initial assessment indicates there are positive attributes in the NR Program that could be beneficial in the regulation of nuclear power. This letter acknowledges receipt of your request and that the information submitted is under consideration.

C. Withers

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact Carolyn Lauron at 301-415-2736, or via email at Carolyn.Lauron@nrc.gov; or Yamir Diaz-Castillo at 301-415-2228, or via email at Yamir.Diaz-Castillo@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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