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Gentlemen:

Subject: WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21, CLARIFICATION OF
AMENDED RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 94-03,
INTERGRANULAR STRESS CORROSION CRACKING OF CORE
SHROUDS IN BOILING WATER REACTORS

- References:
- 1) BWR Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) Document BWRVIP-01,
"BWR Core Shroud Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guideline,"
Revision 2
 - 2) Letter GO2-98-010, dated January 16, 1998, PR Bemis (SS) to NRC,
"Amended Response To Generic Letter 94-03, Intergranular Stress
Corrosion Cracking Of Core Shrouds In Boiling Water Reactors"
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It has come to my attention that statements in Reference 2 regarding the scope of the Spring 1998 (R-13) core shroud inspection could be misinterpreted. As a BWR 5, WNP-2 has two circumferential core shroud welds in the H4 zone, or core beltline area. The information in Reference 2 may be interpreted to indicate that the R-13 inspection included both H4 welds. A limited inspection for Category B plants per Reference 1 requires examination of only one core shroud weld in this area. This was confirmed through conversations with BWRVIP personnel. The R-13 inspection included the accessible portions of only one H4 weld (lower H4 weld). This weld connects the central mid cylinder to the lower cylinder. A sample portion of the upper H4 weld, which connects the central upper cylinder to the central mid cylinder, was inspected in R-9 (1994). We apologize for any confusion the statements in Reference 2 may have caused.

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**CLARIFICATION OF AMENDED RESPONSE TO GL 94-03, INTERGRANULAR
STRESS CORROSION CRACKING OF CORE SHROUDS IN BWRs**

Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please call CM King at (509) 377-4515 or PJ Inserra at (509) 377-4147.

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