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Attention: Theodore R. Quay, Director  
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Subject: **TRACG - Redirecting Focus**

- Reference:
1. Letter MFN 034-96, J. E. Quinn (GE) to T. R. Quay (NRC), SBWR - Redirecting Focus, dated March 4, 1996.
  2. Letter MFN 008-96, J. E. Quinn (GE) to T. R. Quay (NRC), TRANSMITTAL OF GE PROPRIETARY LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-32176P, "TRACG Model Description", Revision 1, dated February 1996, letter dated February 12, 1996
  3. Letter J. H. Wilson (NRC) to J. E. Quinn (GE), PROGRESS REPORT ON STAFF'S REVIEW OF GE LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT NEDE-32176P, REVISION 0, "TRACG MODEL DESCRIPTION" (TAC NO. M85913), dated October 3, 1995

As discussed in the Reference 1 letter, GE Nuclear Energy is redirecting the focus of its Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (SBWR) programs from plants of the 670 MWe size to plants of 1,000 MWe or larger. In addition to the topics addressed in Ref. 1, GE will be substantially reducing the level of activity on the TRACG effort as it applies to the 670 MWe plant. Specifically, GE would like NRC to stop work on the review of the TRACG Application Licensing Topical Report (LTR) NEDE-32178 and prepare a written summary of status of the review of this document at the point of the "stop work". With regards to the TRACG Qualification LTR NEDE-32177 GE would like written feedback that the responses to the NRC Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) are satisfactory and then stop work on the review of this document and prepare a written summary of status of the review of this document at the point of the "stop work".

In addition, GE wishes to continue the review of the TRACG Model LTR NEDE-32176. This report has been under active review by the NRC for over two years with considerable investment by both GE and NRC. There have been meetings with both NRC and ACRS (the most recent subcommittee meeting dealing with TRACG was December 15-16, 1994) and all questions

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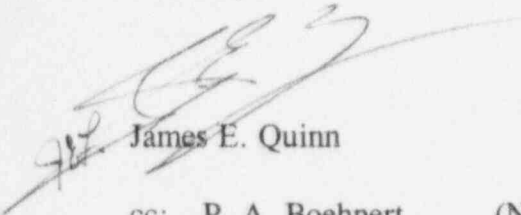


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applicable to NEDE-32176 have been answered as detailed in responses to RAIs and References 2 and 3. Therefore we request that a letter of acceptability of NEDE-32176 be issued by April 12, 1996 (2 month review cycle recommended by NRC) and Draft Safety Evaluation Report (DSER) be issued by June 12, 1996, and a Final Safety Evaluation Report could be issued by October 1996.

We would like to discuss a plan to meet these objectives and agree upon a schedule. We look forward to discussing this letter and developing a communication plan with you.

Sincerely,



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