

October 29, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO: Brian Sheron, Acting Associate Director
for Technical Review
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THROUGH Gary Holahan, Director
Division of Systems Safety and Analysis
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Timothy E. Collins, Acting Chief
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SUBJECT: WAIVER OF CRGR REVIEW FOR EMF-96-029(P)
(TAC NO. M95745)

REFERENCES: Memorandum from E. L. Jordan to T. E. Murley, "CRGR
Consideration of Topical Reports," September 29, 1989.

Attached is the safety evaluation report prepared by the Division of Systems Safety and Analysis in which the staff accepts Topical Report EMF-96-029(P) for referencing in license applications. The staff proposes that the CRGR review be waived in accordance with the suggested revised procedures in the memorandum referenced above.

EMF-96-029(P) describes a revised PWR neutronic code system, SAV-95. This code system consists of CASMO-3G as the cross section generator and PRISM as the core simulator. These codes replace the current approved CASMO version used as the cross section generator and XTPWR as the core simulator.

The CRGR charter states that the CRGR should review each of the staff's approvals of topical reports. However, the staff believes that CRGR review is not necessary because the methodology is essentially an update of the current code packages used by Siemens and does not represent a new staff position. If you agree that a CRGR review is not necessary, please indicate by signing on the line below. Otherwise, the staff will prepare an appropriate CRGR package.

Attachment: As stated

Brian Sheron
Approved: CRGR review is not necessary.

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