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Issue Management and Resolution

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: C. E. Carpenter

Subject: BWRVIP Response to NRC Generic Concerns on Vertical Core Shroud  
Weld CrackingReference: Letter from Ashok C. Thadani, (NRC) to Carl Terry (BWRVIP Vice  
Chairman), "Questions for Telephone Conference Call with BWR  
Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) Regarding Recent Occurrences  
of Unexpected Degradation of BWR Internals," dated March 19, 1997.

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of the document "BWRVIP Response to NRC Generic Concerns on Vertical Core Shroud Weld Cracking." This document is being submitted in response to the NRC request for information contained in the NRC letter referenced above.

As noted in the enclosed document, in light of the recently observed cracking in vertical core shroud welds, the BWRVIP is re-evaluating the recommendations regarding inspection and evaluation of vertical core shroud welds. This re-evaluation is in progress and the results will be reported to the NRC staff as soon as the re-evaluation is completed.

Please note that the enclosed document contains proprietary information. Therefore, a letter requesting the document be withheld from public disclosure and an affidavit describing the basis for withholding this information is provided as Attachment 1.

Representatives of the BWRVIP would be pleased to meet with the NRC staff to discuss any comments or issues related to the enclosed document.

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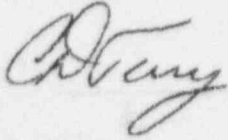
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If you have any questions on the enclosed document or the general subject it addresses please call Robin Dyle of Southern Nuclear at (205) 992-7121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Terry'.

Carl Terry  
Niagara Mohawk Power Company  
Chairman, BWR Vessel and Internals Project