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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REFERENCING OF FCF TOPICAL REPORT BAW-10186P:
"EXTENDED BURNUP EVALUATION" (TAC NO. M85120)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The staff has reviewed the subject report submitted by FCF by letter of November 24, 1992, and your responses dated July 19, August 22, December 6, 1995, June 26, 1996, and January 23, 1997, to our requests for additional information. On the basis of our review, the staff has found the subject report to be acceptable for referencing in license applications to the extent specified and under the limitations stated in the enclosed report and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) technical evaluation. The evaluation defines the basis for acceptance of the report.

The staff will not repeat its review of the matters described in FCF Topical Report BAW-10186P and found acceptable when the report appears as a reference in license applications, except to ensure that the material presented applies to the specific plant involved. NRC acceptance applies only to the matters described in FCF Topical Report BAW-10186P. In accordance with procedures established in NUREG-0390, the NRC requests that FCF publish accepted versions of the report, proprietary and non-proprietary, within 3 months of receipt of this letter. The accepted versions shall incorporate this letter and the enclosed evaluation between the title page and the abstract and an -A (designating accepted) following the report identification symbol.

Should our acceptance criteria or regulations change so that our conclusions as to the acceptability of the report are no longer valid, applicants referencing this topical report will be expected to revise and resubmit their respective documentation, or submit justification for the continued

applicability of the topical report without revision of their respective documentation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: FCF Topical Report BAW-10186P Safety Evaluation

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