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SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT, ASME CODE SECTION XI MEETING,  
DAYTONA BEACH, FL, FEB 28, 2000

On February 28, 2000, I attended the ASME Code Section XI Working Group (WG) on Implementation of Risk-Based Examination Meeting in New Orleans, LA. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

1. In the NRC briefing to the WG, Syed Ali indicated that WOG and EPRI had meetings with the staff in November 1999 and December 1999, respectively, in which WOG and EPRI presented their plans to extend the RI-ISI methodology to other applications such as augmented inspections in the break exclusion zone. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled with WOG in March 2000. The staff issued its safety evaluation on BFN3 RI-ISI program on February 11, 2000. BFN3 is a BWR and its RI-ISI program was based on the WOG methodology. The staff is currently reviewing RI-ISI submittals for James FitzPatrick, South Texas, and Turkey Point. The staff has postponed finalization of RI-ISI RG and SRP until all issues of updating the methodologies have been resolved.
2. Pat Ward presented the EPRI executive briefing in which he discussed the scope and responsibilities of the Risk and Performance Inspired Working Group (Rpi) established by EPRI.
3. Raymond West discussed the status of the PRA standard and indicated that a meeting was held in January 2000.
4. Robin Graybeal presented a briefing of the BFN3 RI-ISI program which included highlights of results and comparisons with the existing ISI program.
5. The RI-ISI Code Cases N560-2, N577-1, and N578-1 have been approved by the main committee.

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