

May 15, 2000

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REFERENCING OF LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT
MPR-1807, "JOINT BWR, WESTINGHOUSE AND COMBUSTION
ENGINEERING OWNERS' GROUP PROGRAM ON MOTOR OPERATED VALVE
(MOV) PERIODIC VERIFICATION" (TAC NO. MA8679)

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On October 30, 1997, the NRC staff issued a safety evaluation (SE) to the Boiling Water Reactor, Combustion Engineering, and Westinghouse Owners Groups describing its review of Topical Report MPR-1807 (Revision 2), "Joint BWR, Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering Owners' Group Program on Motor-Operated Valve (MOV) Periodic Verification." In the SE, the staff determined that the Joint Owners Group (JOG) program on MOV periodic verification represented an acceptable industry-wide response to Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," with specified conditions and limitations. In the forwarding letter to each owners group, the staff noted that, following completion of the five-year JOG dynamic test program, the JOG must submit for NRC review and approval a revision to (or replacement report for) the subject topical report describing the final test criteria for the long-term MOV periodic verification program, and the justification for those criteria. The staff also indicated that the final version of the JOG topical report should incorporate the SE and its forwarding letter, the NRC staff's written comments provided to the JOG on the program, and the submitted JOG responses.

By letter dated October 19, 1999, the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group (B&WOG) forwarded the above-discussed topical report to the NRC and stated that the B&WOG is now participating in the JOG Program on MOV Periodic Verification. The letter noted that each participating B&WOG licensee would reference the JOG topical report in its plant-specific submittal in response to GL 96-05.

The staff has reviewed your October 19, 1999, letter and the applicability of the subject topical report to B&W-designed nuclear power plants. The staff finds that Topical Report MPR-1807 is acceptable for referencing in B&WOG licensing applications to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the report and the associated NRC SE dated October 30, 1997 (described above).

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Should you have any questions or wish further clarification, please call Stewart Bailey at (301) 415-1321 or Tom Scarbrough at (301) 415-2794.

Sincerely

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