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If our criteria or regulations change so that our conclusions about the acceptability of the report are invalidated, FCF and the licensees referencing the topical report will be expected to revise and resubmit their respective documentation or to submit justification for the continued effective applicability of the topical report without revision of the respective documentation.

This concludes NRC review activity for this report (TAC No. MA4599). If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Stewart Bailey, Project Manager, at (301) 415-1321, or by email at snb@nrc.gov.

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