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Deferment of Inspections for Weld Overlays as Required by Generic Letter 88-01

- References:
1. Correspondence Dated June 17, 1999, J. R. Strosnider, Director, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to C. Terry, BWRVIP Chairman, regarding; Deferment of Inspections for Weld Overlays as Required by Generic Letter 88-01
 2. JAF-ICD-RWR-04094 Rev. 0, JAF Inservice Inspection Program Interface Control Document regarding weld overlay deferral for RO14

Dear Sir:

The reference 1 correspondence identifies the following criteria, acceptable to the NRC staff, for deferring inspections of weld overlays as required by Generic Letter 88-01:

1. The plant is operated in compliance with the EPRI water chemistry guidelines.
2. The overlay for which deferral is applied meets GL 88-01 or ASME Code Case N-504 (full structural overlay) as opposed to a temporary duty (leakage barrier) overlay.
3. The overlays for which deferral is applied must have been inspected at least two (2) times without IGSCC indications in the overlay. The two examinations include a baseline examination after overlay application and one examination that was completed after the overlay has been in service for at least one full fuel cycle.

The reference 1 correspondence also requests that each licensee desiring to defer inspections of the subject weld overlays:

1. Inform the NRC staff prior to 30 days to the start of the outage that the licensee meets the criteria.

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2. Enumerates which weld overlays will not be inspected.
3. Either confirm that the respective inspection history cited in the BWR Owners' Group BWROG-99024 letter, "BWR Owners Group Program on Weld Overlay Inspection Relief, BWR Project Number 691," dated March 5, 1999, is accurate and current or update the information to the most current available.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC staff that the James A. FitzPatrick plant meets criteria 1,2 and 3 above as stated in reference 2.

The following weld overlays will not be inspected during refuel outage (RO) 14:

12-02-2-18	12-02-2-19	28-02-2-33
28-02-2-53	22-02-2-63	12-02-2-64
28-02-2-92	28-02-2-116	N-8A-SE-2
4-02-2-118		

Also, as stated in reference 2, all weld overlays at JAF have received a baseline (pre-service) ultrasonic examination as well as at least one inservice examination. Therefore the inspection history cited in the BWR Owners' Group BWROG-99024 letter has been satisfied.

JAF has therefore satisfied the requirements for deferral of weld overlay examinations set forth in reference 1.

Very truly yours,



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