

December 21, 2000

Mr. Richard Bernier, Chairman
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE ERRATA FOR COMBUSTION ENGINEERING OWNERS GROUP
CE NPSD-1168, "JOINT APPLICATIONS REPORT FOR CONTAINMENT
ISOLATION VALVE AOT EXTENSION" (TAC NO. MA9957)

Dear Mr. Bernier:

CE NPSD-1168, "Joint Applications Report for Containment Isolation Valve AOT [allowed outage time] Extension" provides a risk-informed justification for extending the technical specifications AOT for containment isolation valves from the current value of four hours to seven days. By letter dated June 26, 2000, the staff issued its safety evaluation (SE) accepting the topical report for referencing in licensing applications.

By letters dated September 8 and 18, 2000, you submitted errata to topical report CE NPSD-1168. The errata identified a number of changes that are either editorial or minor numerical changes to the risk numbers. The principle change identified in the errata is that the total conditional core damage probability value changed from $3.73E-3$ to $3.75E-3$. This change to the total core damage probability propagated into other calculated values in the topical report.

The changes that are editorial in nature do not affect the conclusion reached in the staff's SE dated June 26, 2000. The changes to the risk numbers are not significant and are within the guidelines of Regulatory Guide 1.177, "An Approach for Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: Technical Specifications," and do not affect the conclusion reached in the staff's SE dated June 26, 2000.

In accordance with procedures established in NUREG-0390, "Topical Report Review Status," we request that the CEOG publish an accepted version of this topical report within three months of receipt of this letter. The accepted version shall place this letter between the title page and the abstract and replace the incorrect pages of the topical report with the corrected pages. It must be well indexed such that information is readily located. Also, it must contain in appendices historical review information, such as questions and accepted responses, and original report pages that were replaced. The accepted version shall include an "-A" (designating accepted) following the report identification symbol.

Should our criteria or regulations change so that our conclusions as to the acceptability of the report are invalidated, the CEOG and/or the applicants referencing the 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.

If you have further questions, you may contact Jack Cushing at 301-415-1424, or on the Internet at jxc9@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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