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**SUBJECT: GSI 156.6.1 - PIPE BREAK EFFECTS ON SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS
INSIDE CONTAINMENT**

Reference: USNRC letter from Farouk Eltawila to W. Glenn Warren, Chairman BWROG dated August 10, 2000

This is in response to the referenced letter. The BWROG has initiated activities to respond to NRC concerns regarding Generic Safety Issue 156.6.1, Pipe Break Effects on Systems and Components Inside Containment with respect to the designs of BWR Systematic Evaluation Program Phase III (SEP III) plants. BWROG has formed a committee and will be coordinating the response for all committee members. There are a total of twelve BWR owners with 16 SEP III BWRs.

The BWROG plans to discuss this issue and the proposed BWROG resolution approach at the BWROG/NRC management meeting on January 19, 2001. If you have any question regarding this subject, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



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