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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Subject: Westinghouse Owners Group
Request for Modification of NRC Safety Evaluation Report on WCAP-15338, "A Review of Cracking Associated with Weld Deposited Cladding in Operating PWR Plants," (MUHP6130)

- References: 1. OG-01-047, Revised Response to NRC Request for Additional Information on WCAP-15338, "A Review of Cracking Associated with Weld Deposited Cladding in Operating PWR Plants," July 31, 2001, to Document Control Desk, NRC
2. Safety Evaluation Of WCAP-15338, "A Review Of Cracking Associated With Weld Deposited Cladding In Operating PWR Plants," Grimes to Newton, October 15, 2001

Reference 1 transmitted the revised Westinghouse Owners Group responses to the NRC's Request for Additional Information on the WOG Report WCAP-15388, "A Review of Cracking Associated with Weld Deposited Cladding in Operating PWR Plants," March 2000. The responses were formatted as an appendix to the original WCAP to facilitate review.

Reference 2 transmitted the final safety evaluation for WCAP-15338, with the following conclusion:

"The staff has concluded that the topical report is acceptable for Westinghouse 3-loop RPVs because the underclad cracks satisfy the ASME Code flaw evaluation requirements for detected flaws. However, for renewal applicants for Westinghouse 2-loop and 4-loop RPVs who plan to reference this topical report, they need to address the plant-specific applicability of this topical report to their plants as described under Section 4.0, "Renewal Applicant Action Items," of the enclosed staff final safety evaluation report (FSER)."

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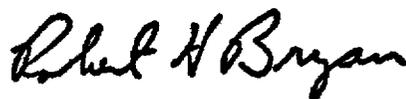
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Reference 2 also contains a request that WOG publish the accepted version of WCAP-15338 within 90-days.

This letter is intended to document the exception that WOG takes to the Reference 2 conclusion. The 3-loop RPV evaluation presented in the report is intended to be a bounding evaluation for all Westinghouse plant sizes, including both 2-loop and 4-loop RPVs. The acceptability of that evaluation in your SER should be extended to all sizes of WOG RPVs. Discussions have been initiated between the author of WCAP-15338 and the NRC reviewer(s) to resolve this issue, however because of personnel unavailability over the year-end holidays, a firm path for resolution has not been defined.

Publication of an accepted version of WCAP-15338 will be delayed beyond the 90-days, pending resolution of the WOG concern with the Reference 2 SER.

Very truly yours,



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