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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn.: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Entergy Operations, Inc.
Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Regarding
Proposed Alternative to American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Examination Requirements for
Repairs Performed on Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations
(TAC No. MB4264)

Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3
Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38

- REFERENCES:
1. Letter No. CNRO-2002-00006 from Entergy Operations, Inc. to the NRC, "Proposed Alternative to ASME Examination Requirements for Repairs Performed on Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations," dated February 28, 2002
 2. Letter No. CNRO-2002-00020 from Entergy Operations, Inc. to the NRC, "Proposed Alternative to ASME Examination Requirements for Repairs Performed on Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations," dated April 2, 2002
 3. Letter from the NRC to Entergy Operations, Inc., "Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 - Request for Additional Information Regarding "Proposed Alternative to American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Examination Requirements for Repairs Performed on Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations (TAC No. MB4264)," dated April 9, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Referenced Letter #1, Entergy Operations, Inc., (Entergy) submitted ASME Relief Request W3-R&R-001, Rev. 0 for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3). In that submittal, Entergy requested relief from performing examinations of base material weld

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repairs made to reactor pressure vessel (RPV) nozzles as required by ASME Section XI IWA-4331(a) and Section III NB-2539.4.

During the course of review, the NRC staff determined that additional information was necessary to complete their review. The NRC staff provided a draft request for additional information (RAI) to Entergy via e-mail, which was discussed during a telephone call on March 27, 2002. To address the comments contained in the draft RAI, Entergy submitted revised Relief Request W3-R&R-001, Rev. 0 via Referenced Letter #2.

By Referenced Letter #3, the NRC staff officially transmitted the RAI to support the review and approval of W3-R&R-001, Rev. 0. This letter confirms that revised W3-R&R-001, Rev. 0 addresses the RAI comments.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Guy Davant at (601) 368-5756.

This letter contains no commitments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. A. Krupa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M." followed by a period and the last name "Krupa".

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