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Review and Approval of BAW-2374, "Risk-Informed Assessment of OTSG Thermal Loads during Hot Leg LOCA"

The B&W Owners Group submitted BAW-2374 to the NRC in July 2000. Following a meeting with the NRC in January 2001, we provided a revision to the report in March 2001 that reflected agreements reached during the January discussion. Although numerous conversations have been held since that time, the NRC has not resolved a few issues that the reviewers believe involve important policy matters. The B&WOG is requesting NRC management assistance in the resolution of these issues.

You may recall in a discussion with the Executive Committee of the B&WOG on October 23, 2001, that two NRC Office Directors had offered their assistance in granting approval of this topical report. We believe approval of the report is feasible and appropriate under the regulations and that their assistance would be valuable in effecting a satisfactory resolution. To support that belief, we are sending a letter summarizing our position to the Branch Chiefs under whom the review is being conducted.

The B&WOG requests that this topical report be approved in a timely manner so that members of the B&WOG can be relieved of special licensing conditions that have previously been imposed on OTSG repair requests in the absence of NRC approval of BAW-2374.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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