

BWRVIP BWR Vessel & Internals Project _____ 2002-289

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Attention: Meena Khanna

Subject: PROJECT NO. 704 -- BWRVIP Partial Response to the NRC Final Safety
Evaluation of BWRVIP-63

- References:
1. Letter from William H. Bateman (NRC) to Carl Terry (BWRVIP Chairman), "Final Safety Evaluation of the BWRVIP Vessel and Internals Project, Shroud Vertical Weld Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines (BWRVIP-63), EPRI Report TR-113170, June 1999 (TAC NO. MA6015)," dated August 20, 2001.
 2. Letter from Carl Terry (BWRVIP Chairman) to NRC Document Control Desk, "Project 704 – BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Shroud Vertical Weld Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines (BWRVIP-63), EPRI Report TR-113170, June 1999," dated July 1, 1999.

Enclosed are 10 copies of the BWRVIP response to Issue 7 identified in the NRC Final Safety Evaluation (SE) [1] of the BWRVIP report "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Shroud Vertical Weld Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines (BWRVIP-63)."

Issue 7 is relevant to the majority of the Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines developed by the BWRVIP. As the BWRVIP is currently in the process of revising a number of the Guidelines, we request that the NRC expedite the resolution of Issue 7. The BWRVIP will provide a response to the remainder of the open issues related to BWRVIP-63 at a later date.

Please note that the enclosed document contains proprietary information. Therefore the request to withhold the BWRVIP-63 report from public disclosure transmitted to the NRC by the Reference 2 letter identified above also applies to the enclosed document.

If you have any questions on this subject, please contact Robin Dyle of Southern Nuclear (BWRVIP Assessment Committee Technical Chairman) by telephone at 205.992.5885.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Terry'.

Carl Terry
BWRVIP Chairman
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