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Attention: Meena Khanna

Subject: Project No. 704 -- River Bend Station Surveillance Capsule Test Results Report

Reference: Letter from Carl Terry (BWRVIP Chairman) to Document Control Desk (NRC), "Project No. 704 -- BWRVIP Response to NRC Safety Evaluation of the BWR Integrated Surveillance Program," dated April 29, 2002.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an updated schedule for the BWRVIP to transmit the first River Bend Station surveillance capsule test report to the NRC.

The BWR Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP) was approved by the NRC with the issuance of a Safety Evaluation (SE) in early 2002. The BWRVIP began implementing the ISP shortly after this SE was issued. The first River Bend Station (RBS) capsule withdrawn from the plant in 2001 is the first plant capsule to be tested as part of the ISP. Implementation details of the ISP are still being finalized and participating utilities are completing actions to adopt the ISP in place of existing programs. Furthermore, resources could not be allocated in time to complete RBS capsule testing, analysis and reporting of results by February 2003 as indicated in the letter referenced above. Therefore, the BWRVIP requests an extension of the date for reporting of the RBS surveillance capsule test results until June 2003. This extension will not affect the planned Charpy testing or analysis of dosimetry and consequently will not affect the accuracy of the results.

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

Sincerely,



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