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MEMORANDUM TO: Robert A. Gramm, Chief, Section 1
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FROM: William D. Beckner, Chief */RA/*
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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF TSTF-459, 460 and 465 REVIEW

In accordance with the January 10, 2003, letter to NEI, I am forwarding the attached proposed change to the improved Standard Technical Specifications for your staff to prepare appropriate work planning and characterization documents for staff review. TSTF-459, will revise the BWR/4 and BWR/6 ISTS NUREGs to not require an RHR Shutdown Cooling System to be in operation in MODE 3 with reactor steam dome pressure < [the RHR cut in permissive pressure], MODE 4, and MODE 5 with irradiated fuel in the reactor pressure vessel. TSTF-460, changes NUREG-1433 (BWR/4) and NUREG-1434 (BWR/6) by revising the Frequency of SR 3.1.4.2, control rod scram time testing, from "120 days cumulative operation in MODE 1" to "[200] days cumulative operation in MODE 1." The Bases are revised to limit the percentage of the tested rods which can be "slow" from 20% to 7.5%. TSTF-465 will add a time allowance Note to the Source Range Monitor (SRM) Surveillance Requirements (SRs) 3.3.1.2.3 and 3.3.1.2.4. This change provides a time allowance to perform the subject SRs following sudden entry into MODE 3 due to a reactor scram.

The points of contact in the Technical Specification Section for these TSTFs are as follows:

TSTF-459, "Eliminate the requirement to have one RHR Shutdown Cooling System in operation" Kerri Kavanagh, 415-3743;

TSTF-460, "Control Rod Scram Time Testing Frequency" Bob Tjader, 415-1187; and

TSTF-465, "Addition of time performance Surveillance Requirement (SR) note to Source Range Monitor (SRM) SRs" Carl Schulten, 415-1192.

Any comments or questions should be directed to these reviewers respectively. Please forward a copy of all correspondence related to these reviews to the Technical Specification Section. This document has been declared in ADAMS, ML033350006.

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