

**BWRVIP** BWR Vessel & Internals Project \_\_\_\_\_ 2004-004

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Attention: Meena Khanna

Subject: Project No. 704 – TR-105696-R6 (BWRVIP-03) Revision 6: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Pressure Vessel and Internals Examination Guidelines

Reference: Letter from Carl Terry (BWRVIP Chairman) to Document Control Desk (NRC), “BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Pressure Vessel and Internals Examination Guidelines (BWRVIP-03, EPRI Report TR-105696, October 1995,” dated November 10, 1995.

Enclosed are two (2) copies of the report “TR-105696-R6 (BWRVIP-03) Revision 6: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Reactor Pressure Vessel and Internals Examination Guidelines,” EPRI Technical Report 1008061, December 2003. This report is submitted for your information.

BWRVIP-03 is a living document that is updated periodically as inspection technology evolves. The primary changes from Revision 5 include the addition of new technique demonstrations for the shroud support and core spray piping; for all technique demonstrations, the addition of the date each demonstration was published; and clarification and emphasis of the generic recommendation that stainless steel and nickel-alloy welds should be examined from both directions whenever possible.

While in the past the BWRVIP annually issued update pages for insertion into a loose-leaf binder copy of BWRVIP-03, we are now transitioning to publication on CD. In response to requests from the BWRVIP utilities, we are transmitting Revision 6 as both a hard copy document and as a CD, but we may in the future publish on CD only. Both the hard copy and CD versions of Revision 6 are complete; there are no change pages to insert.

Please note that the enclosed document contains proprietary information. Please withhold this information from public disclosure in accordance with the affidavit describing the basis for withholding this information that was included with the letter referenced above.

If you have any questions on this subject please call Gary Park (Nuclear Management Company, BWRVIP Inspection Focus Group Chairman) at 763.295.1658.

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