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**WITHDRAWAL OF RELIEF REQUEST S1-RR-W02, PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE
REPAIR METHOD FOR REACTOR VESSEL HEAD PENETRATIONS
SALEM GENERATING STATION UNIT 1
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-70
DOCKET NO. 50-272**

Reference: Letter LR-N04-0034, Relief Request S1-RR-W02, Proposed Alternative Repair Method for Reactor Vessel Head Penetrations, dated March 12, 2004.

By letter dated March 12, 2004, PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG) requested relief from Section XI of the ASME Code requesting authorization to use the Westinghouse embedded flaw repair technique for reactor vessel head penetrations if repairs were necessary. Based on the inspections performed during 1R16 that indicated no repairs were necessary, and that the reactor pressure vessel head will be replaced in 1R17, PSEG hereby withdraws Relief Request S1-RR-W02.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Mosier at (856) 339-5434.

Sincerely,

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