

May 18, 2005

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-16083-NP, "BENCHMARK TESTING OF THE FERRET CODE FOR LEAST SQUARES EVALUATION OF LIGHT WATER REACTOR DOSIMETRY," FOR REVIEW (TAC NO. MC3974)

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Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. Therefore, staff hours will be billed accordingly.

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