

September 19, 2006

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF WESTINGHOUSE OWNERS GROUP  
(WOG) TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-16168-NP, REV. 1, "RISK-INFORMED  
EXTENSION OF REACTOR VESSEL IN-SERVICE INSPECTION INTERVAL  
(TAC NO. MC9768)

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