

September 28, 2006

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF BABCOX & WILCOX OWNERS GROUP
(B&WOG) TOPICAL REPORT BAW-1543(NP), REVISION 4, SUPPLEMENT 6,
"SUPPLEMENT TO THE MASTER INTEGRATED REACTOR VESSEL
SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM" (TAC NO. MC9608)

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