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Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF)
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Dear Members of the TSTF:

The proposed Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) technical specification (TS) change, Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-476, on use of the improved Banked Position Withdrawal Sequence (BPWS) process, was noticed in the Federal Register (71 FR 26118, May 3, 2006) requesting comment. Comments were received. During the comment disposition process it became apparent to the staff that changes to the proposed TSTF-476, Revision 0, would be necessary.

The changes proposed in TSTF-476, Revision 0, include bases changes to both NUREG-1433 (BWR/4) and NUREG-1434 (BWR/6). In addition, a note is proposed to be added to TS Table 3.3.2.1-1 of NUREG-1434 to allow the rod pattern controller to be bypassed in Modes 1 and 2 so that the BPWS can be used. A similar note was not included by the TSTF in NUREG-1433 since some BWR/4 plants rod worth minimizer (RWM) can be reprogrammed to accommodate the BPWS. However, the RWM of some BWR/4 plants cannot be reprogrammed to accommodate the BPWS, therefore, TSTF-476, revision 1, will contain a similar note to that proposed for the BWR/6 NUREG-1434.

In order for TSTF-476, revision 1 to be acceptable, a [bracketed] note similar to that proposed to be added to TS Table 3.3.2.1-1 of the BWR/6 NUREG-1434 is needed.

The staff intends to publish a Notice of Availability for adoption of an updated TSTF-476, via the consolidate line item improvement process (CLIIP), provided the TSTF revises TSTF-476 to include this change and it is received within 60 days of this letter. The TSTF must notify the NRC, in writing, if it requires longer than 60 days. If the TSTF does not respond in 60 days, and does not request an extension, the NRC will terminate our review of TSTF-476.

If you have any questions please contact Bob Tjader at 310-415-1187 or at trt@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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