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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR WASTE  
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MEMORANDUM TO: Brian W. Sheron, Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research  
**/RA/ FPG for**

FROM: John T. Larkins, Executive Director  
Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF GENERIC SAFETY ISSUE 196, "BORAL  
DEGRADATION"

During the 175<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, December 12-14, 2006, the Committee was briefed by NRC staff on the proposed closure of Generic Issue 196 dealing with boral degradation in spent fuel dry storage casks. The Committee has no objection to the staff's proposal to close this issue. The Committee would like to remain informed of any future development in the area of boral blistering and its continued effectiveness as a neutron absorber, including the results from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) effort (SPAR-II) currently under way.

Reference:

Memorandum dated August 31, 2006, from Farouk Eltawila, Director, Division of Risk Assessment and Special Projects, RES to John T. Larkins, Executive Director, ACRS/ACNW, Subject: Proposed Closure of Generic Safety Issue 196, "Boral Degradation"

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