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SUBJECT: Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Docket No.: 50-293
License No.: DPR-35

Withdrawal of In-service Inspection (ISI) Pilgrim Relief Request No. PRR-16, Implementation of BWRVIP Guidelines in lieu of ASME Section XI Code Requirements on Reactor Vessel Internals and Components Inspection

REFERENCE 1: Entergy Letter No. 2.08.008, Request for Approval of Pilgrim Relief Request No. PRR-16, Implementation of BWRVIP Guidelines in lieu of ASME Section XI Code Requirements on Reactor Vessel Internals and Components Inspection, dated February 14, 2008

LETTER NUMBER: 2.08.037

Dear Sir or Madam:

Entergy submitted Pilgrim Relief Request, PRR-16 (Reference 1) for NRC approval to credit various examinations performed using the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel Internals Program (BWRVIP) guidelines in lieu of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI Code inspection requirements on reactor vessel internals and components.


Since then, Entergy has reviewed the Pilgrim reactor pressure vessel internal inspection plan for Refueling Outage 17 (RFO-17) and future outages, and has concluded that Entergy will continue to comply with the ASME-required examinations, irrespective of BWRVIP guidelines. Therefore, Pilgrim withdraws PRR-16 at this time.

This withdrawal does not impact the ASME-required examinations of reactor vessel internal components.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Pilgrim Licensing Manager, Mr. Joseph R. Lynch, at (508) 830-8403.

There are no new commitments made in this letter.

Sincerely,


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