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SUBJECT: PROPRIETARY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - REVIEW OF "BWR VESSEL AND INTERNALS PROJECT, TECHNICAL BASIS FOR PART CIRCUMFERENCE WELD OVERLAY REPAIR OF VESSEL INTERNAL CORE SPRAY PIPING (BWRVIP-34)" (TAC NO. M98880)

Dear Mr. Terry:

By your application dated May 22, 1997, you submitted for NRC staff review the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) proprietary report, "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Technical Basis for Part Circumference Weld Overlay Repair of Vessel Internal Core Spray Piping (BWRVIP-34)," EPRI Report TR-108198, May 1997. The BWRVIP-34 report was submitted as a means of exchanging information with the staff for the purpose of supporting generic regulatory efforts related to repair of the subject reactor components.

The NRC staff has completed its preliminary review of the BWRVIP-34 report. As indicated in the attached request for additional information (RAI), the NRC staff has determined that additional information is needed. We request that the BWRVIP respond to the RAI as soon as possible in order for the NRC staff to complete its review in a timely manner. Since the attached concerns a report that the NRC staff has found to be proprietary in nature, the requested information will also be considered proprietary.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-2169.

Sincerely,

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