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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF PROPOSED GENERIC ISSUE ON
DISPERSAL OF FUEL PARTICLES DURING A LOSS OF
COOLANT ACCIDENT

The proposed generic issue (GI) relating to dispersal of fuel particles from ruptured fuel rods during a loss of coolant accident (LOCA), which you recently submitted to the GI Program, has been received and an acceptance review performed. This proposed issue, designated as PRE-GI-010, has passed acceptance review, will proceed to the next stage of the review process (screening), and has been entered into the Generic Issues Management Control System for tracking purposes. See the attached document for more information on the proposed GI.

The GI Program staff performed the acceptance review in accordance with NRC Management Directive and Handbook 6.4, "Generic Issues Program". There are seven specific criteria outlined, none of which can result in a negative response if the proposed issue is to be accepted as a GI in the program. The purpose of an acceptance review is to provide an initial evaluation as to whether the proposal clearly does not meet any one of the criteria. During the performance of the acceptance review no such determination was made. Therefore, review of the proposed issued will proceed to the screening stage and a panel will be selected and convened accordingly.

A project manager from the Division of Risk Analysis in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research will be assigned to manage the issue through the screening stage. This manager will coordinate with other NRC offices, as appropriate, and formally document the screening analysis. Additionally, this manager will coordinate the conduct of the Generic Issue Screening Review Panel once panel members are selected.

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Our branch will keep you informed of the status of these activities. In the meantime, please feel free to provide any additional information which you feel is appropriate and relevant to the review. Thank you for proposing this issue for review. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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