

May 23, 2012

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SUBJECT: FINAL SAFETY EVALUATION FOR PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR OWNERS GROUP TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-17236-NP, REVISION 0, "RISK-INFORMED EXTENSION OF THE REACTOR VESSEL NOZZLE INSERVICE INSPECTION INTERVAL" (TAC NO. ME4878)

Dear Mr. Nowinowski:

By letter dated October 4, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML102790086), the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) submitted Topical Report (TR) WCAP-17236-NP, Revision 0, "Risk-Informed Extension of the Reactor Vessel Nozzle Inservice Inspection Interval," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review. By letter dated January 26, 2012, an NRC draft safety evaluation (SE) regarding our approval of TR WCAP-17236-NP, Revision 0, was provided for your review and comment (ADAMS Accession No. ML120240450). By letter dated March 22, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12083A195), the PWROG commented on the draft SE. The NRC staff's disposition of the PWROG's comments on the draft SE are discussed in the attachment to the final SE enclosed with this letter.

The NRC staff has found that TR WCAP-17236-NP, Revision 0, is acceptable for referencing in licensing applications for nuclear power plants to the extent specified and under the limitations delineated in the TR and in the enclosed final SE. The final SE defines the basis for our acceptance of the TR.

Our acceptance applies only to material provided in the subject TR. We do not intend to repeat our review of the acceptable material described in the TR. When the TR appears as a reference in license applications, our review will ensure that the material presented applies to the specific plant involved. License amendment requests that deviate from this TR will be subject to a plant-specific review in accordance with applicable review standards.

In accordance with the guidance provided on the NRC website, we request that the PWROG publish an approved version of this TR within three months of receipt of this letter. The approved version shall incorporate this letter and the enclosed final SE after the title page. Also, it must contain historical review information, including NRC requests for additional information and your responses. The approved version shall include an "-A" (designating approved) following the TR identification symbol.

A. Nowinowski

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If future changes to the NRC's regulatory requirements affect the acceptability of this TR, the PWROG and/or licensees referencing it will be expected to revise the TR appropriately, or justify its continued applicability for subsequent referencing.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Sher Bahadur, Deputy Director
Division of Policy and Rulemaking
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