

November 10, 2015

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF BOILING WATER REACTOR OWNERS' GROUP
TOPICAL REPORTS NEDC-33347P, REVISION 1, "CONTAINMENT
OVERPRESSURE CREDIT FOR NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD"
(TAC NO. MF6708)

Dear Ms. Hill:

By letter dated November 21, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14325A626), the Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group (BWROG) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) NEDC-33347P, Revision 1, "Containment Overpressure Credit for Net Positive Suction Head (NPSH)." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of NEDC-33347P. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review.

The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by November 13, 2015, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by February 12, 2016. This schedule information takes into consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide appropriate updates to this information.

The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 280 hours, including project management and contractor support. This estimate of hours includes the hours already expended on completing this acceptance review. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon by Mr. Kenneth Welch representing the BWROG.

In accordance with the letter dated August 2, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML102290064), the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has waived the Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 170.21 fees associated with this TR review.

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jason Drake at 301-415-8378 or via e-mail at Jason.Drake@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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