

January 8, 2016

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR REVIEW OF THE PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR OWNERS GROUP TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-17788, "COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS AND TEST PROGRAM FOR GSI-191 CLOSURE" (TAC NO. MF6536)

Dear Mr. Nowinowski:

By letter dated July 17, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15210A668), the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) submitted Topical Report (TR) WCAP-17788, "Comprehensive Analysis and Test Program for GSI-191 [Generic Safety Issue-191] Closure," to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review. By letter dated November 30, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15342A067), the PWROG submitted additional information in support of WCAP-17788.

The NRC staff has found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review. The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by January 29, 2016, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by July 1, 2016. This schedule information takes in 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 review schedule milestones were discussed and agreed upon in a telephone conference between PWROG Project Manager, Chad Holderbaum, and the NRC staff on December 17, 2015.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. The PWROG requested a fee waiver in a letter dated February 13, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15051A109). By letter dated July 31, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15203A287), the NRC granted the fee waiver. No review cost will be assessed to the PWROG for the NRC staff review of WCAP-17788.

As with all TRs, the SE will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the issuance of the final SE.

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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan G. Rowley at (301) 415-4053.

Sincerely,

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