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Attention: Joseph Holonich

Subject: Project No. 704 – BWRVIP Response to BWRVIP-100, Revision 1 Draft Safety Evaluation

- References:
1. Letter from Kevin Hsueh (NRC) to Dennis Madison (BWRVIP Chairman), “Draft Safety Evaluation of the Proprietary Safety Evaluation of BWRVIP-100, Rev. 1, ‘BWRVIP Vessel and Internals Project: Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds,” dated November 12, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15294A003)
 2. Letter from Dave Czufin (BWRVIP Chairman) to Andy Hon (NRC), “Project No. 704 – Transmittal of ‘BWRVIP-100, Revision 1: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds’”, dated February 7, 2012 (BWRVIP 2012-040, NRC ADAMS Accession No. ML12044A187)
 3. Letter from Dennis Madison (BWRVIP Chairman) to Joseph Holonich (NRC), “Project No. 704 – BWRVIP Response to NRC Request for Additional Information on BWRVIP-100, Revision 1,” dated May 23, 2013 (BWRVIP 2013-088, NRC ADAMS Accession No. ML13156A386)
 4. Letter from Tim Hanley (BWRVIP Chairman) to Joseph Holonich (NRC), “Project No. 704 – BWRVIP Response to NRC Second Request for Additional Information on BWRVIP-100, Revision 1,” dated July 15, 2015 (BWRVIP 2015-088, NRC ADAMS Accession No. ML15201A148)
 5. Letter from Joseph J. Holonich (NRC) to Dennis Madison (BWRVIP Chairman), “Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure of Electric Power Research Institute ‘Responses to NRC Request for Additional Information Related to BWRVIP-100, Revision 1: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds,’” dated July 24, 2013 (NRC ADAMS Accession No. ML13168A272)

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6. Letter from Joseph J. Holonich (NRC) to Tim Hanley (BWRVIP Chairman), "Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure of Electric Power Research Institute Topical Report, BWRVIP-100, Revision 1: 'BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds,'" dated January 4, 2016 (NRC ADAMS Accession No. ML15349A030)

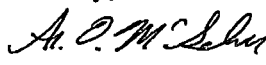
The NRC letter referenced above (Reference 1) transmitted a draft NRC Safety Evaluation of the BWRVIP report entitled "BWRVIP-100, Revision 1: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Updated Assessment of the Fracture Toughness of Irradiated Stainless Steel for BWR Core Shrouds" to the BWRVIP and requested that the BWRVIP identify any proprietary information in the draft SE. The letter also requested that the BWRVIP provide any comments on factual errors or clarity concerns.

To facilitate the NRC staff's review of the BWRVIP's comments, the NRC requested the BWRVIP provide a marked-up copy of the draft SE showing proposed changes and a summary table of the proposed changes. Attachment 1 provides the marked-up copy with identification of EPRI proprietary information, denoted by yellow highlighting and enclosing in double brackets, and the BWRVIP's comments.

The information identified in Attachment 1 as being proprietary information, is considered to be EPRI "Trade Secrets" in accordance with 10CFR2.390. It is all information that was taken from either BWRVIP-100, Revision 1 or the BWRVIP's responses to NRC Requests for Additional Information (RAI) for the BWRVIP-100 review and that was already identified as being proprietary information, along with the requisite affidavits, when those documents were transmitted to the NRC (see References 2, 3 and 4). The requests for withholding were approved by the NRC as documented in References 5 and 6.

If you have any comments or questions please contact Bob Carter at 704.595.2519 or by email at bcarter@epri.com.

Sincerely,

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