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Attention: Joseph Holonich

Subject: Project No. 704 – Withdrawal of License Renewal Appendix for BWRVIP report, “BWRVIP-183: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Top Guide Grid Beam Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines,”

- References:
1. BWRVIP Letter No. 2009-224 from Rick Libra (BWRVIP Chairman) to Michael McCoppin (NRC), Project No. 704 – License Renewal Appendix to “BWRVIP-183: BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Top Guide Grid Beam Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines,” dated July 27, 2009 (ML092120072)
  2. Letter from Mirela Gavrilas (NRC) to Tim Hanley (BWRVIP Chairman), Final Safety Evaluation for Electric Power Research Institute Topical Report BWRVIP-183, “BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Top Guide Grid Beam Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines,” (TAC No. ME2178), dated December 31, 2015 (ML15246A312)
  3. NUREG-1801, Revision 2, Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report, December 2010

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC that the BWRVIP is withdrawing the license renewal appendix to BWRVIP-183 from NRC review.

The license renewal appendix for BWRVIP-183 was submitted to the NRC separately from the base report by Reference 1. It was, at that time, the BWRVIP’s practice to include license renewal appendices as a part of BWRVIP Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines topical reports. In the case of BWRVIP-183, the initial submittal inadvertently did not include a license renewal appendix, so it was submitted at a later date [1]. Please note that consistent with other EPRI NEI 03-08 Materials Issue Programs like the Materials Reliability Project (MRP), the BWRVIP no longer plans to include license renewal appendices in the topical reports that it submits to the NRC for review and approval.

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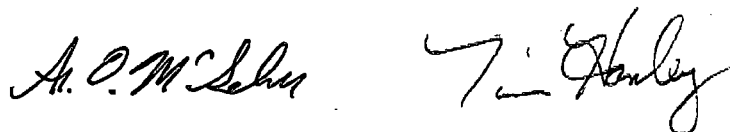
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Recently, the Final Safety Evaluation (SE) for BWRVIP-183 was received [2]. The Final SE makes no mention of the license renewal appendix and so it is assumed that it was not reviewed. However, within the GALL report [3], BWRVIP-183 has already been accepted for use as an acceptable aging management program (AMP) for BWR Top Guides within the BWR reactor internals AMP (XIM9). Therefore, since the NRC accepted BWRVIP-183 without the license renewal appendix, BWRVIP-183 is already referenced in the GALL report, and the BWRVIP no longer plans to include license renewal appendices in its topical reports, withdrawal of the license renewal appendix from NRC review is appropriate.

Note that the license renewal appendix submittal included EPRI proprietary information. Please provide confirmation (e.g., an email stating the fact) that the hard copies of the submittal that were provided by reference 1 have been destroyed.

If you have any questions on this subject please call Steve Richter, Energy Northwest, BWRVIP Assessment Committee Technical Chairman, at 509.377.4703.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'A. O. McGehee' and the signature on the right is 'Tim Hanley'.

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Tim Hanley, Exelon, BWRVIP Chairman