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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION NUREG-0577 EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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The issuance of NUREG-0577 (Potential for Low Fracture Toughness and Lamellar Tearing on PWR Steam Generator and Reactor Coolant Pump Supports) was announced in Federal Register Vol. 45, No. 99 on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, on page 33753.

Although comments on NUREG-0577 were originally due on July 7, 1980, the comment period was extended until July 21, 1980 because of document distribution problems. The NRC staff has been requested to extend that deadline even further to allow for submittal of additional technical comments from an industry organization representing many utilities. Because such comments are anticipated to be useful in assuring that all viewpoints have been adequately considered in the staff's technical resolution of the issue in NUREG-0577, the NRC staff agrees that an extension is warranted. Therefore, the comment period for NUREG-0577 has been extended until Friday, August 8, 1980.

Comments should be forwarded to Mr. Richard P. Snaider, Generic Issues Branch, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20055 by that date.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 18 day of July 1980.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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Malcolm L. Ernst, Acting Director Division of Safety Technology

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## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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SECRETARY.

Director Office of the Federal Register National Archives and Records Service Washington, D. C. 20403

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for publication in the Federal Register are an original and two certified copies of a document entitled:

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NUREG-0577

This material is to be charged to requisition number F-131.

Sincerely, Chi Secretary of the Commission

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