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BABCOCK AND WILCOX REQUEST TO WITHHOLD PROPRIETARY DOCUMENT, "FUEL PIN PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS - TACO" FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Babcock and Wilcox submitted the draft report, "Fuel Pin Performance Analysis - TACO" with their letter of April 10, 1975, and requested that this information be withheld from public disclosure.

B&W requests that this report be treated as proprietary in nature because it presents methods and approaches which would decrease the expenditures of a competitor in designing a similar product. Additionally, this report contains the results of independent experimental studies conducted to investigate fuel performance. This information is not available in the open literature and its disclosure would provide knowledgeable individuals with information which would impair B&W's competitive position in this area.

We have reviewed the document described in the aforementioned letter and find that B&W has supplied sufficient justification for withholding this information from public disclosure.

In view of the foregoing, I have determined that disclosure of the information contained in the above reference document is not required in the public interest nor by 10 CFR Part 9, and that it should, therefore, be withheld from public inspection pursuant to 2.790(b) of 10 CFR Part 2.

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