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SUBJECT: NRC REVIEW OF NUMARC INDUSTRY TECHNICAL REPORT ENTITLED,  
"BWR CONTAINMENTS LICENSE RENEWAL INDUSTRY REPORT"

A copy of the subject NUMARC report (Enclosure 2) is enclosed for your review. This report is one of a series of topical reports to be referenced and used in support of a license renewal application. This report identifies potential age-related degradation mechanisms that may affect BWR Containments and presents a set of recommendations that should be evaluated by each utility. Accordingly, it is requested that you perform a detailed review of the technical merits of this document. This review should also evaluate the completeness of treatment of the components and degradation mechanisms discussed in the report and evaluate the proposed recommendations. It would be helpful if you could provide specific suggestions for improving the content of the report as well as establishing technical positions for use in preparing a future Safety Evaluation Report.

Please note that the LRPD staff reached a general agreement with NUMARC regarding the format and procedures of Industry Reports in a meeting held on July 24, 1990. The new format will have a section which specifically addresses license actions to be taken. NUMARC will revise this report to reflect that agreement in the next revision. Therefore, you are requested to concentrate your review on the technical adequacy at this time.

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In accordance with the generic review schedule contained in the February 7, 1990 memorandum, we request your comments and questions by September 30, 1990. We will work with your organization to assure that the schedule (Enclosure 1) for the review is reasonably maintained. Notification of developing conflicts should be made to us as soon as they are identified by the branch so that the review process will not be unnecessarily delayed. If an assigned review branch does not intend to provide input on the report at any milestone, we would appreciate a verbal notification that no information will be provided.

The TAC# for this effort is M77232.

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