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Issue Management and Resolution

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Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Mr. Gene Carpenter, Senior Project Manager
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Subject: **BWR CORE SHROUD INSPECTION AND EVALUATION
GUIDELINES, Revision 1**

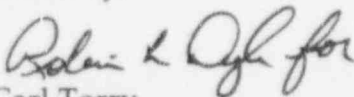
Attached is the report entitled "BWR Core Shroud Inspection and Evaluation Guidelines," Revision 1. This report contains updated generic inspection guidance to assess the structural integrity of the core shroud. The BWRVIP has recommended to all BWR Owners that these guidelines be adopted for the assessment of the core shroud.

This revision to the core shroud report was prepared in response to a NRC request that more extensive initial inspections be performed for Category C plants. The goal of this initial inspection is 100% of accessible areas of the specified welds. Revised inspection requirements for Category B and C plants have been incorporated. The report also contains inspection reporting guidance to minimize utility preparation and NRC review of flaw evaluations when relatively minor cracking is found.

The attached report has been endorsed by a substantial number of the members of the BWRVIP, however, this endorsement should not be interpreted as a commitment by all members to a specific course of action. Each member must formally endorse the BWRVIP position for it to become that member's position.

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