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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

INTRUSION OF BORON INTO REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEMS

Plant Name:

Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2

Utility:

Caroline Power and Light Company

Docket Nos: TAC Nos:

50-324 and 50-325 M81949 and M81950

Licensing Status:

Operating PD II-1

Responsible PD: Review Branch:

Materials and Chemical Engineering Branch

Review Status:

Complete

By letter dated October 23, 1991 Region II of the MRC requested us to evaluate licensee's Engineering Evaluation Report on boron intrusion into the plants coolant systems at the Brunswick plant. Of a special interest is whether there are unreviewed safety questions and if the corrective actions taken by the licensee are adequate. We have reviewed chemical engineering aspects of the report, which were principally focused on a potential corrosive action of the intruding chemicals, and find that they would not degrade safety of the plant. The effect of boron on reactivity control of the reactors was not addressed in our review. This aspect is reviewed by another NRR branch. Our evaluation is enclosed as Enclosure 1 and our input to SALP as Enclosure 2. We consider our efforts on these TACs to be complete.

C. Y. Cheng, Chief

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Enclosures: As stated

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