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SUBJECT: STAFF REVIEW OF BWR OWNERS' GROUP SAFETY RELIEF VALVE IN-SERVICE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM RESULTS

Dear Mr. Donovan:

By letter dated November 29, 1995, the BWR Owners' Group (BWROG) requested that the NRC concur with the BWROG's proposal to close the post-TMI commitment for Near Term Operating License (NTOL) BWR plants to report BWR Safety/Relief Valve (SRV) in-service performance data on a quarterly basis to the NSSS supplier (GE Nuclear Energy, GE). The BWR NTOL plants that are committed to this reporting activity include the following:

- WNP-2
- Lasalle 1 and 2
- Susquehanna 1 and 2
- River Bend
- Clinton
- Perry 1
- Fermi 2
- Hope Creek 1

To support its proposal, the BWROG submitted evaluation results of the in-service performance of the SRVs at these plants over a collective operating period extending from 1985 to 1994. The BWROG recommends that each utility continue to maintain its own records of in-service SRV performance.

The NRC staff has evaluated the BWROG's proposal that these NTOL BWR plant licensees be permitted to discontinue reporting the SRV in-service performance data to GE, as required by this post-TMI commitment. Based on its review of the evaluation results submitted by the BWROG, the staff concludes that the performance of the SRVs at these plants has been generally acceptable, with the notable exception of the Target Rock 2-Stage SRVs. Since there is a separate BWROG program to improve performance of Target Rock 2-Stage SRVs, the staff agrees that the above proposal is acceptable. However, individual licensees must still request closure of this post-TMI commitment on each plant docket, as appropriate to individual circumstance, using this letter as a basis. The staff also expects that the in-service data on SRV performance will continue to be maintained by each individual licensee, as is required for

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all such safety equipment. The staff expects that these data will be made available to the NRC staff, to GE, or to the individual valve vendors, upon request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard H. Wessman, Chief, Mechanical Engineering Branch, Division of Engineering, at (301) 415-3288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D B Matthews".

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