

**BWRVIP**BWR Vessel &  
Internals Project

Issue Management and Resolution

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 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
 11555 Rockville Pike  
 Rockville, MD 20852

Attention: C. E. Carpenter

Subject: "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Internal Core Spray Piping and  
 Sparger Repair Design Criteria" (BWRVIP-19)," EPRI Report TR-  
 106893, September, 1996.

Enclosed are ten (10) copies of the document "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Internal Core Spray Piping and Sparger Repair Design Criteria (BWRVIP-19)," EPRI Report TR-106893, September, 1996. Also enclosed are ten (10) copies of the non-proprietary version of the report. This document is being submitted as a means of exchanging information with the NRC for the purpose of supporting generic regulatory improvements related to repair of the subject reactor components.

The enclosed document provides the general design acceptance criteria for temporary and permanent repair of internal core spray piping and spargers. It is intended that, when approved by the NRC, the report could be used by BWRVIP member utilities as a guideline for designing and implementing such repairs.

The enclosed document has been endorsed by 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.

Please note that the enclosed document contains proprietary information. Therefore, a letter requesting the report be withheld from public disclosure and an affidavit describing the basis for withholding this information is provided as Attachment 1.

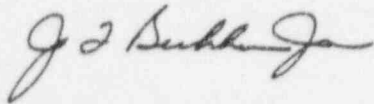
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Representatives of the BWRVIP would be pleased to meet with the NRC staff to discuss any comments or issues related to the enclosed document. If you have any questions on the enclosed document or the general subject it addresses, please call Bruce McLeod, BWRVIP Repair Committee Technical Chairman, of Southern Nuclear, at (205) 992-7446.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. T. Beckham, Jr.", written in dark ink.

J. T. Beckham, Jr.  
Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Chairman, BWR Vessel & Internals Project