

BWRVIPBWR Vessel &
Internals Project

Issue Management and Resolution

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Attention: C. E. Carpenter

Subject: PROJECT NO. 704 -- BWRVIP Reply to NRC Staff Safety Evaluation of
BWRVIP-14Reference: Letter from Gus C. Lainas (NRC) to Carl Terry (BWRVIP Chairman),
"Safety Evaluation of the BWR Vessel and Internals Project BWRVIP-14
Report (TAC NO. M94975)," dated June 8, 1998

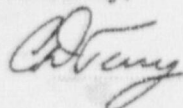
The NRC letter referenced above transmits a NRC Safety Evaluation (SE) of the BWRVIP report "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Evaluation of Crack Growth in BWR Stainless Steel Internals (BWRVIP-14)." That SE describes conclusions and positions that are different than those in the BWRVIP-14 report that was approved by the BWRVIP. The BWRVIP is evaluating the SE on BWRVIP-14 and we expect to meet or otherwise discuss our reply to the SE with the NRC staff, or transmit a written reply to the NRC staff. We expect this meeting, discussion or transmittal to take place by October 1998.

Once resolution of the items in the SE is achieved, the BWRVIP Executive Committee will be requested to approve this resolution. Once approved by the BWRVIP Executive Committee, this resolution represents a position the BWRVIP utilities commit to implement unless they notify NRC otherwise.

The BWRVIP is implementing a strategy for revising BWRVIP reports to reflect the resolutions to the NRC issues identified in NRC SEs. The BWRVIP will provide you with a schedule for revising the BWRVIP-14 report following resolution of the items in the SE.

If you have any questions on this subject please contact Warren Bilanin at EPRI by telephone at (650) 855-2340.

Sincerely,



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