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Mr. G. J. Beck
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Dear Mr. Beck:

SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (GE) TOPICAL REPORT GENE-770-06-2,
"ADDENDUM TO BASES FOR CHANGES TO SURVEILLANCE TEST INTERVALS
AND ALLOWED OUT-OF-SERVICE TIMES FOR SELECTED INSTRUMENTATION
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS" (BWR RCIC INSTRUMENTATION)

We have completed our review of the subject topical report submitted by the BWR Owners Group by letter dated February 19, 1991. Enclosure 1 provides our Safety Evaluation Report (SER), which was prepared after reviewing the Technical Evaluation Report (TER attached to the SER) developed under contract by EG&G Idaho (WTO). We concur with the findings contained in the TER.

We find that GENE-770-06-2 provides an acceptable basis for extending surveillance test intervals (STIs) and allowed outage times (AOTs) for RCIC actuation instrumentation. The ECCS had similar Technical Specification (TS) changes approved in a staff letter to the BWR Owners Group chairman dated December 9, 1988. The staff has concluded that the analyses presented in GENE-770-06-2 are acceptable for resolving the issue of extension of STIs and AOTs for RCIC actuation instrumentation.

As noted in the enclosed SER, applicants for proposed Technical Specification changes for individual plants must:

1. Confirm the applicability of the generic analyses of GENE-770-06-2 to the plant.
2. Confirm that any increase in instrument drift due to the extended STIs is properly accounted for in the setpoint calculation methodology. (For additional information on this issue, see letter from C. E. Rossi to R. F. Janecek, dated April 27, 1988.

Enclosure 2 provides an acceptable format for proposed TS changes based on GENE-770-06-2. Our review of plant-specific changes will consider the applicability of the topical report to the specific plant.

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Licensees and applicants are encouraged to propose changes to TS that are consistent with the guidance provided in the enclosures. Proposed license amendments conforming to this guidance will be expeditiously reviewed by the NRC Project Manager for the facility. Proposed amendments that deviate from this guidance will require a longer, more detailed review. Please contact the Project Manager if you have questions on this matter.

In accordance with procedures established in NUREG-0390, "Topical Reports Review Status," we request that the GE/BWR Owners Group publish accepted revisions of GENE-770-06-2 both proprietary and non-proprietary, within three months of receipt of this letter. The accepted versions should (1) incorporate this letter and the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report including the Technical Evaluation Report, between the Title page and the abstract and (2) include an - A (designated accepted) following the report identification symbol.

Should our acceptance criteria or regulations change so that our conclusions as to the acceptability of the report are no longer valid, the BWR Owners Group and/or the applicants referencing this topical report will be expected to revise and resubmit their respective documentation, or submit justification for the continued applicability of the topical report without revision of its documentation.

Sincerely,
Original Signed by
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Enclosures: As stated

