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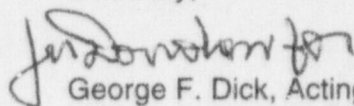
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ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT-2 (TAC NO. MA3588)

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The staff has completed its review of the relief request and has determined that the proposed alternative to employ the alternative welding materials of Code Case 2142-1 and 2143-1 provides an acceptable level of quality and safety. Therefore, the staff concludes that the proposed alternative is authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). The use of Code Cases 2142-1 and 2143-1 is authorized until such time as the Code Cases are approved by reference in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.85. At that time, if Entergy Operations, Inc. intends to continue to implement these Code Cases, Entergy Operation, Inc. is to follow all provisions in Code Cases 2142-1 and 2143-1 with limitations issued in RG 1.85, if any. Our Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,



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Docket No. 50-368

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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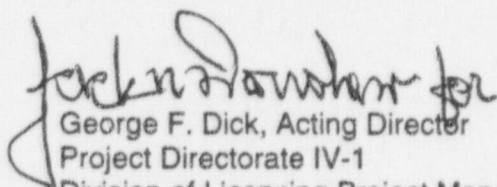
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