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Subject: BWRVIP-329 Draft Safety Evaluation
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Mr. Tim Hanley, Chairman
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Dear Hanley,

By letter dated August 22, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19238A075), the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review BWRVIP-329, "Updated Probabilistic Fracture Mechanics Analyses for BWR [Boiling Water Reactor] RPV [Reactor Pressure Vessel] Welds to Address Extended Operations." Based on its review of the information submitted in the topical report (TR), the NRC staff finds the TR acceptable for referencing subject to the limitations specified in the TR, and in the NRC safety evaluation (SE).

A copy of the draft SE has been placed in the box.com folder. Ms. Wynter McGruder has been given access to the folder. The draft SE is being provided for a proprietary information review. If EPRI provides comments on other areas, the NRC staff will exercise its discretion on whether to address those comments.

Pursuant to Section 2.390 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 2.390), we have determined that the draft SE may contain proprietary information. If you believe that any information in the draft SE is proprietary, please identify such information line-by-line and define the basis pursuant to the criteria of 10 CFR 2.390. Use double, bolded brackets to identify any **[[proprietary information]]**. After 10 working days, the draft SE will be made publicly available, if appropriate.

Your response must be via a letter from an authorized individual. In addition, please provide an electronic redline/strikeout Word version of the SE either via email or the box.com folder. It helps expedite the NRC staff response to comments if EPRI provides in the formal transmittal and in a separate Word file, a table with the following columns; Comment No., Page No., and Line No., Comment Type (if comments other than proprietary information are provided (i.e., clarity, accuracy)), Suggested Revision, and a blank column NRC Disposition. However, EPRI may provide its comments in any format it chooses. The final SE will be issued after making any necessary changes.

Note that at this stage of the process, the NRC staff has completed its review of the submitted information and will not entertain technical arguments. The staff conclusions and conditions will not change unless new information is provided that was not available during our review. If EPRI would like to discuss the draft SE in detail, we can do that in a noticed meeting that can be closed if proprietary information will be discussed.

Both this email and the draft SE have been placed in ADAMS and made Official Agency

Records. The draft SE is declared as nonpublic because it may contain proprietary information. This email is declared public.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jjh1@nrc.gov.

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