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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF REVIEW OF THE BABCOCK & WILCOX EMERGENCY
OPERATING PROCEDURES GUIDELINES (TAC NO. M54946)

The Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group (B&WOG) has supported an effort to develop and improve emergency operating procedures since immediately after the Three Mile Island accident. The resulting periodic updates to the emergency operating procedures technical bases document have been instrumental in providing improved guidance for operation of plants equipped with B&W nuclear steam supply systems. The B&WOG's efforts translate into a significant safety improvement and your continuing maintenance program helps assure that new knowledge will continue to be reflected in improved operator guidance.

Based on its review of Revision 6 of the Emergency Operating Procedures Technical Bases Document (TBD), the staff concludes that the document is sufficiently developed such that there is no need for continuation of the generic review. The enclosed safety evaluation closes our generic review.

Although the staff plans no further TBD review, it would like to maintain an up-to-date TBD for reference purposes and would appreciate receiving a copy of each revision as it becomes available. The staff requests that one copy be sent to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555. In addition, it is requested that seven hard copies be sent directly to the Chief, Reactor Systems Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

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This concludes the NRC review activity for this report. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Stewart N. Bailey, B&WOG Project Manager, at (301) 415-1321, or by email at snb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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