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**SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF APPROVED GE LICENSING TOPICAL REPORT,
NEDC-31858P-A DATED AUGUST 1999**

Attachments: (1) NEDC-31858P-A, BWROG Report for Increasing MSIV Leakage Rate Limits and Elimination of Leakage Control Systems dated August 1999 (2 volumes)

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the approved BWROG report NEDC-31858P-A, "BWROG Report for Increasing MSIV Leakage Rate Limits and Elimination of Leakage Control Systems" dated August 1999. Fifteen (15) copies of the two-volume BWR Owners' Group approved Licensing Topical Report NEDC-31858P-A are included with this transmittal. The proprietary information contained in volume 2 of this LTR was provided to the NRC in a non-proprietary version in 1993. No changes have been made to this proprietary information and, therefore, non-proprietary versions of this document are not included with this transmittal. None of the information documented in Volume 1 is designated as proprietary.

On March 3, 1999 the NRC issued a SER on Licensing Topical Report NEDC-31858P, Revision 2, "BWROG Report for Increasing MSIV Leakage Rate Limits and Elimination of Leakage Control Systems". This approval of NEDC-31858P, revision 2 included conditions and limitations that are consistent with previous BWROG responses to RAIs and other requests for clarification of BWROG responses and seismic data. The NRC has previously approved these regulatory relaxations (which can increase allowable MSIV leakage rate limits up to 200 scfh per steam line) for eight (8) BWRs on a plant unique basis.

The final approved Licensing Topical Report, NEDC-31858P-A, is comprised of two (2) volumes. Volume One contains an overview, the NRC Safety Evaluation Report, NRC Requests for Additional Information, and all related correspondence. Volume Two contains the BWR Owners' Group technical documentation package that was originally submitted to the NRC in September 1993. The NRC imposed limitations on the use of Volume Two methodology are summarized in the overview. All of these limitations involve requirements for completing the seismic verification.

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Very truly yours,



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