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MEMORANDUM TO: David Mathews, Acting Associate Director
for Inspection and Programs, NRR

FROM: William D. Beckner, Chief
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SUBJECT: WAIVER OF CRGR REVIEW FOR JOINT APPLICATIONS REPORT
CE NPSD-1045 PROJECT NO. 692

REFERENCES: Memorandum, E. L. Jordan to T. E. Murley, "CRGR Consideration of
Topical Reports," September 29, 1989.

Attached is the safety evaluation (SE), prepared by the Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch (SPSB), in which we approve CE NPSD-1045 "Joint Applications Report, Modifications To The Containment Spray and Low Pressure Safety Injection System Technical Specifications" developed by the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG). The Joint Applications Report (JAR) was developed using guidance provided in Regulatory Guides (RG) 1.174 and 1.177. We propose that the Committee To Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) review be waived in accordance with the suggested procedures in the memorandum referenced above.

The JAR proposed modification of the technical specifications (TS) of the containment spray system (CSS). The proposed changes would allow an extension of the allowed outage time (AOT) to 7 days for one CSS train. The JAR provided risk-informed and deterministic arguments, consistent with RG 1.174 and RG 1.177, to justify the AOT extension. It provided a summary of the results of risk assessments for all of the Combustion Engineering (CE) plants, except for the Calvert Cliffs units. The conclusions are applicable to all CE plants except for the Calvert Cliffs units.

According to the CRGR charter, the CRGR should review all staff approvals of topical reports. However, since the methodology described in this topical does not involve any new staff positions or interpretations beyond those already applicable to the affected licensees, we believe that CRGR review is not necessary.

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