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Mr. James F. Mallay
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR SIEMENS REFERENCES TO APPROVED TOPICAL
REPORTS IN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (TAC NO. MA6492)

Dear Mr. Mallay:

By letter dated September 1, 1999, Siemens Power Corporation requested approval of a method of referencing topical reports in the technical specifications (TS) of operating power plants, that make use of a Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). The method would allow the references to approved topical reports in the TS to be cited using the report number and title, and a note that the COLR provides the complete citation for the reports used. The citation in the COLR would include the complete identification for each of the TS references to topical reports used to prepare the COLR (i.e., report number, title, revision, date and any supplements).

For example, the reference in the TS would be of the form, EMF-84-093(P)(A), "Steam Line Break Methodology for PWRs," approved version as specified in the COLR. The corresponding reference in the COLR would be, EMF-84-093(P)(A), Revision 1, "Steam Line Break Methodology for PWRs," Siemens Power Corporation, February 1999.

The NRC staff has reviewed your request and agrees that this would be an acceptable approach. As stated in your letter, this method of referencing topical reports would allow licensees to use current topical reports to support limits in the COLR without having to submit an amendment to the facility operating license every time the topical report is revised. The COLR would provide specific information identifying the particular approved topical reports used to determine the core limits for the particular cycle in the COLR report. This would eliminate unnecessary expenditure of NRC and licensee resources, and would ease the burden of TS submittal and approval needed to license reload fuel. As you know, only NRC-approved methodology may be used and that since the COLR is a FSAR-related document, changes to the COLR require prior licensee review for unreviewed safety questions under 10 CFR 50.59.

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This completes the staff effort on TAC No. MA6492. If you have any questions, please call Mr. N. Kalyanam, Project Manager, at (301) 415-1480.

Sincerely,

/s/

Stuart A. Richards, Director
Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning
Division of Licensing Project Management
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. A. Richards', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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