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Sincerely,

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Docket No. 052-0024
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Grand Gulf, Unit 3 COLA
Entergy Operations, Inc.
Docket No. 52-024

SRP Section: 02.03.01 - Regional Climatology

Application Section: FSAR 2.3.1

SRP Section: 02.03.04 - Short Term Atmospheric Dispersion Estimates for Accident Releases

Application Section: FSAR 2.3.4

SRP Section: 02.03.05 - Long-Term Atmospheric Dispersion Estimates for Routine Releases

Application Section: FSAR 2.0

QUESTIONS

02.03.01-1

Revise the FSAR to list the normal winter precipitation event, the extreme frozen winter precipitation event, and extreme liquid winter precipitation event as site characteristics in accordance with the Proposed Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DC/COL-ISG-07, "Interim Staff Guidance on Assessment of Normal and Extreme Winter Precipitation Loads on the Roofs of Seismic Category I Structures" (ML081990438). Provide a basis for the chosen site parameter values.

02.03.01-2

FSAR Table 2.0-201 lists a Unit 3 maximum 2% exceedance coincident wet bulb site characteristic value of 78°F (Sheet 4 of 25) and states that the maximum 2% exceedance non-coincident wet bulb value was not provided in the GGNS ESPA SSAR (Sheet 5 of 25). The staff believes that the 78°F value listed in FSAR Table 2.0-201 as a Unit 3 maximum 2% exceedance coincident wet bulb value is actually the Unit 3 maximum 2% exceedance non-coincident wet bulb value.

02.03.01-3

FSAR Table 2.0-201 (Sheet 6 of 25) lists a Unit 3 maximum 0.4% exceedance coincident wet bulb site characteristic value of 80°F. The staff believes that the 80°F value listed in FSAR Table 2.0-201 as a Unit 3 maximum 0.4% exceedance coincident wet bulb value is actually the Unit 3 maximum 0.4% exceedance non-coincident wet bulb value.

02.03.01-4

FSAR Table 2.0-201 (Sheet 6 of 25) states the Unit 3 maximum 1% exceedance coincident wet bulb site characteristic value of 80°F exceeds the corresponding ESBWR site parameter value of 79°F. Identify the ESBWR standard plant structures, systems, and components (SSCs) which used the maximum 1% exceedance coincident wet bulb site parameter value of 79°F as a design-basis and perform an evaluation demonstrating that these SSCs have sufficient margin to accommodate a 1°F change in the coincident wet bulb temperature.

02.03.01-5

FSAR Table 2.0-201 (Sheet 7 of 25) lists Unit 3 maximum 0% exceedance coincident and non-coincident wet bulb site characteristic values of 81°F based on the worst (i.e., highest) 1-day value presented in the GGNS ESPA SSAR. These highest 1-day wet bulb values are inconsistent with ESBWR DCD Tier 2 Table 2.0-1 footnote 06 which states 0% exceedance values are based on conservative estimates of historical high and low (i.e., maximum hourly) values for potential sites.

10 CFR 52.79(a)(1)(iii) states, in part, that COL applications must identify the meteorological characteristics of the proposed site with appropriate consideration of the most severe of the natural phenomena that have been historically reported for the site and surrounding area and with sufficient margin for the limited accuracy, quantity, and period of time in which the historical data have been accumulated. In order to be compliant with 10 CFR 52.79(a)(1)(iii), the highest of either the 100-year return period or historic maximum coincident and wet bulb temperatures should be compared to the corresponding ESBWR 0% exceedance maximum ambient design temperature site parameters. Use of the 100-year return period temperatures are intended to cover situations where the historical data used to characterize a site may not extend over a significant time interval to capture cyclical events.

02.03.04-1

Provide a revised set of short-term control room and technical support center atmospheric dispersion factors utilizing the onsite receptor/source locations and ARCON96 inputs provided in Appendix 2A in Tier 2 to ESBWR DCD Revision 5.

02.03.05-1

Verify the following long term dispersion estimate GGNS Unit 3 site characteristic values presented in FSAR Table 2.0-201 are accurate as compared to the corresponding values presented in ESPA SSAR Table 2.3-143:

(a) Should the undepleted/no decay χ/Q value at the nearest milk cow on Sheet 21 of 25 of FSAR Table 2.0-201 be listed as $7.0E-8 \text{ sec/m}^3$ instead of $4.7E-8 \text{ sec/m}^3$?

(b) Should the undepleted/no decay χ/Q value at the nearest meat cow on Sheet 22 of 25 in FSAR Table 2.0-201 be listed as $1.4E-7 \text{ sec/m}^3$ instead of $1.1E-7 \text{ sec/m}^3$?