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Subject: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Clarification to Safety Evaluation Report Concerning Alternatives to
the Requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(B)(1) Concerning the
Containment Inservice Inspection Program

- References: 1) Letter from G. D. Edwards (PECO Energy Company) to U. S.
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC), dated February 17,
1999
- 2) Letter from J. A. Hutton (PECO Energy Company) to USNRC,
dated August 11, 1999
- 3) Letter from J. W. Clifford (USNRC) to J. A. Hutton (PECO Energy
Company), dated September 17, 1999

Dear Sir/Madam:

In the Reference 3 letter, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission provided a Safety Evaluation Report regarding 11 alternatives to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(B)(1), concerning the implementation of a Containment Inservice Inspection Program. The purpose of this letter is to provide a minor clarification to a statement made in the Safety Evaluation Report as documented in the Reference 3 letter.

This use of pit depth measurements on the inside of the suppression chamber wall was discussed in the Reference 1 letter and is also discussed in Sections 2.11.3 and 2.11.4 of the Safety Evaluation Report. The measurements of actual pit depth are taken from the inside of the suppression chamber with a calibrated pit depth measurement tool. Ultrasonic measurements on defined evaluation areas

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are performed from the outside of the suppression chamber as stated in Section 2.11.5 of the Safety Evaluation Report.

Section 2.11.5 ("Staff Evaluation of CRR-11") of the Reference 3 letter states, "in conjunction with the underwater examinations, ultrasonic thickness measurements will be, periodically, taken on the defined evaluation areas from the outside of the suppression chamber and from the inside of the suppression chamber at the pitted areas." We are submitting this letter in order to ensure that in future reviews of this Safety Evaluation Report, it is clear to the reviewers that ultrasonic thickness measurements are not required from the inside of the suppression chamber. Actual pit depth measurements are taken from the inside of the suppression chamber with a calibrated pit depth measurement tool, and not ultrasonic thickness measurements as currently implied in Section 2.11.5.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



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