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From: Peter Tam
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Date: Wed, Mar 22, 2000 11:03 AM
Subject: Nine Mlle Point Unit 2 - Revised response to GL 95-07

Steve Leonard:

By letter dated 2/25/00 you revised your previous response to GL 95-07, dropping two valves from the modification effort. **I have opened TAC MA8504 to track our efforts on your 2/25/00 submittal.**

Your GL 95-07 submittal dated April 21, 1999 (response 2.1) states (paraphrased) that the service water return isolation valves from the EDG cooler, 2SWP*66A/B, are susceptible to pressure locking because the ambient area that they are located in heats up and causes the pressure in the bonnets to increase. We have not seen your analysis and don't know what you changed in the analysis (new environmental conditions?) to conclude that the valves will no longer heatup.

Please schedule a brief phone call with me and our reviewer Steve Tingen to explain the original operating conditions that caused the valves to pressure lock, and then what changed that led to the 2/25/00 letter. Thanks.

Peter

CC: Steve Tingen

ATTACHMENT