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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ENERGY NORTHWEST

WNP-2

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1. For both the current and proposed testing of the standby gas treatment system (SGTS) and the control room emergency filtration system (CREFS), neither the charcoal bed depth nor the total residence time per bed depth were provided in the submittal. This information was requested from all GL 99-02, "Laboratory Testing of Nuclear-Grade Activated Charcoal" Group 2 plants. Please provide this information.
2. For the CREF and SGT systems, please indicate how the face velocities were calculated. The actual system face velocities can be calculated by dividing the maximum system flow rates specified in the technical specification (TS) (nominal +10% upper value) by the total exposed surface area of the charcoal filter media. Per GL 99-02, if this value is >110% of 40 ft/min, then the TS should be revised to specify that value as the test face velocity.
3. Please provide the credited efficiency for the SGTS and for the CREFS; this information is needed to verify the proposed safety factor.
4. Please clarify what is meant by "Variations in the above testing parameters of temperature, relative humidity, and face velocity are permitted per Table 1 and Section A.5.2 of ASTM D3803-1989." Is this statement meant to provide the basis for using test parameters other than what is specified in the standard?