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Seabrook Station
Clarification to License Amendment Request 99-03,
"Technical Specification Line-Item Improvement to Relocate the
Emergency Diesel Generator Inspection Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2f.1)"

North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) provides a clarification to License Amendment Request (LAR) 99-03. LAR 99-03 was submitted on November 29, 1999, pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.90 and 10CFR50.4.

LAR 99-03 proposed a change to the Seabrook Station Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.8.1.1.2f to relocate sub-requirement 4.8.1.1.2f.1), which requires inspection of the Emergency Diesel Generators (EDGs) on an 18-month frequency, to the Seabrook Station Technical Requirements (SSTR) Manual as a new Technical Requirement. The clarification is to assure the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that upon issuance of a License Amendment the current wording contained in SR 4.8.1.1.2f.1) will be incorporated verbatim into the SSTR and will read as follows:

Each diesel generator shall be demonstrated OPERABLE at least once per 18 months, during shutdown,[#] by subjecting the diesel to an inspection in accordance with procedures prepared in conjunction with its manufacturer's recommendations for this class of standby service.

[#] *Selected surveillance requirements, or portions thereof, may be performed during conditions or modes other than shutdown, provided a 10 CFR 50.59 Safety Evaluation supports safe conduct of that surveillance in a condition or mode that is consistent with safe operation of the plant. (ref. NRC GL 91-04)*

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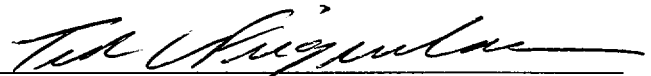
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The relocated requirements of SR 4.8.1.1.2f.1) to the SSTTR will continue to be administratively controlled in accordance with TS Section 6.0, "Administrative Controls." The SSTTR is a licensee-controlled document that contains certain technical requirements and is the implementing manual for the Technical Specification Improvement Program. Changes to these requirements are reviewed and approved in accordance with Seabrook Station Technical Specifications, Section 6.7, and as outlined in the SSTTR. Specifically, changes to the Technical Requirements are processed pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 and are reviewed and approved by the Station Operations Review Committee (SORC).

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