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LICENSEE: ENERGY NORTHWEST  
FACILITY: WNP-2  
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 26, 2000, TO DISCUSS A  
PROPOSED SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT INTERVAL EXTENSION

On June 26, 2000, the NRC staff met with representatives of Energy Northwest to discuss their plan to submit a license amendment to extend six technical specifications surveillance requirements from 18 months to 24 months. The meeting handouts are located in ADAMS under accession number ML003726734. The meeting was attended by Messrs. Paul Inserra and Fred Schill from Energy Northwest and Messrs. Stephen Dembek, Jack Cushing and Hukam Garg from the NRC.

WNP-2 is in transition from an 18-month fuel cycle to a 24-month fuel cycle and the surveillance requirements that are performed every 18 months when the plant is in a refueling outage will need to be extended to every 24 months. Energy Northwest and the staff agreed that it would improve the process if a meeting was held and the staff could provide guidance to Energy Northwest's prior to their proposed submittal.

Mr. Inserra stated that most 18-month surveillance requirements can be performed safely during power operations, and therefore WNP-2 requires extensions for only 6 surveillance requirements in addition to the 2 already submitted.

Mr. Schill said the approach that Energy Northwest plans to take follows the guidance provided in Generic Letter (GL) 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specifications Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate a 24 Month Fuel Cycle." Mr. Schill stated that they plan to use the Electric Power Research Institute report EPRI TR-10335, "Guidelines for Instrument Calibration Extension/Reduction Programs," for instruments susceptible to instrument drift.

Mr. Garg stated that the staff has issued an evaluation of the EPRI report by letter dated December 1, 1997. The staff's evaluation contains guidance that would be useful in the preparation of Energy Northwest's submittal. Also, the assumption of no time dependency of instrument drift based on simple regression analysis is not acceptable. To determine time dependency, the change in the standard deviation of drift must also be analyzed.

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Energy Northwest thanked the staff for providing guidance for their submittal.

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