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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EXCESS FLOW CHECK VALVE TEST FREQUENCY

WNP-2

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1. Page 2 of the May 11, 2000, submittal states that the excess flow check valves have no active safety function and as such are not subject to inservice testing. Therefore, an inservice relief request in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a is not required. Please provide detailed justification for this statement. If you do not wish to justify this statement, then remove the statement and submit a relief request.
2. Provide a discussion on the vulnerability of instrument lines and equipment and any operational impact an instrument line break may have (jet impingement, separation criteria).