

October 13, 2000

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SUBJECT: 3-MONTH EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTING THE TECHNICAL REPORT ON
CAPSULE V UNTIL JANUARY 12, 2001 - DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
UNIT 2 (TAC No. MB0023)

Dear Mr. Rueger:

Appendix H of 10 CFR Part 50, Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program, requires licensees to monitor changes in the fracture toughness properties of ferritic materials in the reactor vessel beltline region of light water nuclear power reactors which result from exposure of these materials to neutron irradiation and the thermal environment. Under the program, fracture toughness test data are obtained from material specimens exposed in surveillance capsules, which are withdrawn periodically from the reactor vessel. Pursuant to Appendix H, Part IV.A, each capsule withdrawal and the test results must be the subject of a summary technical report to be submitted within one year of the date of capsule withdrawal, unless an extension is granted by the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company withdrew Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (Diablo) Unit 2 reactor vessel surveillance capsule V on October 13, 1999, and the technical report is due October 13, 2000. By letter dated October 12, 2000, you requested a 3-month extension for submitting the required technical report on capsule V until January 12, 2001. The heatup and cooldown pressure/ temperature limits specified in your technical specifications (TS) (License Amendment No. 133 dated May 3, 1999) are based on 16 effective-full-power-year (EFPY) of operation. Diablo Unit 2 is currently at 12.4 EFPY of operation, which is significantly below the TS allowed 16 EFPY of operation. Therefore, the staff finds that continued operation with the previous surveillance data until January 12, 2001, will not have an adverse impact on the safe operation of Diablo Unit 2. Therefore, the 3-month extension for submitting the technical report on capsule V until January 12, 2001, is granted.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact L. Raghavan, Senior Project Manager, at (301) 415-1471.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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