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VALVE AMENDMENT (TAC NO. MB0301)

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Please respond by April 30, 2001. If you need clarification of this RAI, please feel free to call me at 301-415-1451.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROPOSED EXCESS FLOW CHECK VALVE (EFCV) AMENDMENT

NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 2 (NMP2)

- (1) GE Topical Report NEDO-32977-A, "Excess Flow Check Valve Testing Relaxation," and the staff's associated safety evaluation state that the magnitude of the release through an instrument line would be within the pressure control capability of the reactor building ventilation systems and the functional performance of the secondary containment following an instrument line break. However, for NMP2, Section 15.6.2.4.2 of the Updated Safety Analysis Report states that "The energy released by this coolant loss would cause the reactor building siding pressure to be exceeded. No benefit from the secondary containment or the standby gas treatment system is to be assumed." Please reconcile or justify this apparent contradiction.
- (2) The operational/environmental impact of an EFCV failure to close with respect to equipment located on or near the instrument racks is not discussed in your submittal. Please provide this information.

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