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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR ASME CODE, SECTION XI,
CONTAINMENT INSPECTIONS RELIEF REQUEST

Reference: Letter from M. W. Rencheck (I&M) to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Document Control Desk, "Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2, Request for Relief from the Provisions of the ASME Code, Section XI, for Containment Inspections," submittal C0201-03, dated February 20, 2001. (TAC NOS. MB1249 and MB1250)

In the referenced letter, Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), the Licensee for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant (CNP) Units 1 and 2, submitted proposed alternatives to the containment inspection requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code, Section XI, Subsections IWE and IWL.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Fred Lyon of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff on May 8, 2001, the NRC requested additional information regarding I&M's ASME Code relief request submittal. Specifically, the NRC requested information on who will be responsible for determining the acceptable minimum illumination and the maximum direct examination distance. This letter provides a response to the requested information.

In accordance with IWL-2500, "Examination Requirements," the visual examination will be performed by, or under the direction of, a CNP Registered Professional Engineer (RPE). The RPE will determine the acceptable minimum illumination and maximum direct examination distance by providing criteria for the qualification of the alternate remote visual examination. The criteria will be based on the minimum size of each indication of interest. In accordance with IWA-2240, "Alternative Examinations," of ASME Section XI, the procedure

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and equipment to be used will be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the RPE and the Authorized Nuclear Inservice Inspector. In accordance with IWL-2320, "Responsible Engineer," the RPE will perform a final review of all examination results.

There are no commitments identified in this submittal.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald W. Gaston, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, at (616) 697-5020.

Sincerely,



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