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MEMORANDUM TO: Herbert N. Berkow, Director  
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OPERATING CYCLE FOR EDWIN I HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT,  
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The extension of surveillances from 18 to 24 months has been reviewed and accepted for many other plants, and the Hatch submittal will be similar to the Perry and ComEd submittals. However, the extension of surveillances from 3 to 6 months has not been requested for any other plant. Since Hatch would be the first plant to request the extension from 3 to 6 months and this extension is not needed to support a 2-year operating cycle, the NRC stated that SNC might consider two separate submittals: one for the extension from 18 to 24 months and one for the extension from 3 to 6 months. The NRC also stated that SNC should consider providing a probabilistic risk assessment to support the extension from 3 to 6 months. It was noted that the amendment did not have to be approved prior to the spring 2002 refueling outage of Hatch Unit 1, but instead had to be approved prior to the time that the 18-month surveillances are to be performed.

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