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Request for Additional Information on
Pressure/Temperature (P/T) Curves
Extended Power Uprate License Amendment Application
Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2

On May 31, 2001, the staff held a conference call with the licensee regarding the P/T curves, the change of the applicability period (from 21 to 17 effective full power years (EFPYs)), the expected results of the latest surveillance capsule, and the implications of the 7.5% power uprate for the P/T curves. As discussed in the conference call, the staff needs the following information to continue the power uprate review:

1. Identify the change of the beltline controlling element, and the associated chemistry and fluence factors.
2. Describe the proposed time-line of events for the revision of the period of applicability for Technical Specification Figures 3.4-2A, 3.4-2B and 3.4-2C, and the expected revisions to be made when the surveillance capsule results become available.
3. Describe your calculation of the fluence (in terms of actual fluence and flux values for energies greater than 1.0 million electron volts ($E > 1.0 \text{ MeV}$)) for the controlling element and the conservatisms built into your calculation which justify operation to 17 EFPYs. This period of operation extends into the next cycle (Cycle 16) at your proposed elevated power operation; therefore, please define the expected period at elevated power operation and the expected flux to the controlling element.