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**SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE FOR RELIEF
REQUEST NO. RR-23 TO REVISE THE
QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF
NDE PERSONNEL FOR SECTION XI
SUB-ARTICLE IWA-2300 EXAMINATIONS
PLA-5344**

Reference: Letter from R. G. Byram to USNRC titled, "Proposed Relief Request No. RR-23 to Revise the Qualification and Certification of NDE Personnel for Section XI Subarticle IWA-2300," dated June 5, 2001 (PLA-5312).

The purpose of this letter is to revise the "Alternative Provision" section of the referenced letter to state the intended relief requested by submittal of Relief Request-23.

The referenced letter requested that PPL Susquehanna, LLC be granted relief to allow NDE examination personnel the ability to utilize the CP-189 qualification and certification program as amended by Division I, for Section XI, Subarticle IWA-2300 examinations, pursuant the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda of ASME Section XI. The CP-189 qualification and certification program would replace the existing qualification and certification program (SNT-TC-1A) after August 31, 2001, and remain in effect for the duration of the Second 10-Year Interval of the Inservice Inspection Program for the Susquehanna SES Unit 1 and 2 (June 1, 2004).

The "Alternative Provision" section of the referenced letter stated:

"Initial qualification and certification of NDE personnel shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in Subarticle IWA-2300 of the 1989 Edition of Section XI utilizing the SNT-TC-1A qualification and certification program. Personnel performing Subarticle IWA-2300 NDE examinations shall meet the qualification and certification requirements for NDE personnel as required by the Code applicable to the Susquehanna SES."

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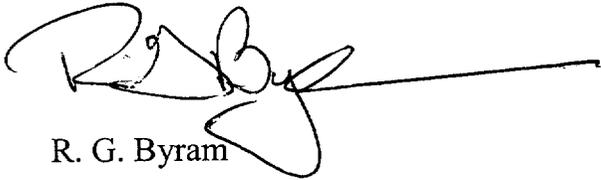
The NRC has requested that the "Alternative Provision" section be revised to reflect the actual relief being sought, instead of identifying an alternate method of Code compliance. Therefore, the "Alternative Provision" section of the referenced letter is to be replaced, in its entirety, with the following:

Alternative Provision

Initial qualification and certification of NDE personnel shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in Subarticle IWA-2300 of the 1995 Edition, 1996 Addenda of ASME Section XI, which utilizes the CP-189 qualification and certification program. Personnel performing Subarticle IWA-2300 NDE examinations at the Susquehanna SES shall meet the qualification and certification requirements for NDE personnel as required by CP-189.

Please contact Mr. R. D. Kichline at 610 774-7705, if there are any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. G. Byram', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

R. G. Byram

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