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SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: RELIEF REQUESTS RR-1-24 AND RR-2-30
(TAC NOS. MB2230 AND MB2231)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

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NMC is requested to indicate:

- (1) whether it will commit to comply with the applicable limitations and modifications set forth in the staff's published position, until 10 CFR 50.55a is revised; and
- (2) how its application of the above code, along with the staff's proposed limitations and modifications, would provide an acceptable level of quality and safety, as per the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i).

Please provide your response to these questions within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

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