

August 19, 1986

Docket No. 50-280  
and 50-281

Mr. W. L. Stewart  
Vice President - Nuclear Operations  
Virginia Electric and Power Company  
Post Office Box 26666  
Richmond, Virginia 23261

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Subject: Request for Relief from ASME Section XI Requirements Regarding  
Replacement of Filter Vessels in the Boric Acid Transfer System

By letter dated April 15, 1985, as supplemented by letters dated June 10,  
and September 20, 1985, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a, paragraph g(5), you  
requested relief from certain ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code)  
Section XI requirements with regard to replacement of filter vessels in the  
boric acid transfer systems. Your request for relief has been granted.

The relief granted permits you to utilize filter vessels meeting the requirements  
of ASME Code Section VIII (1983 Edition, Summer 1984 Addenda) as replacements  
for the ASME Code Section III (1968 Edition) filter vessels originally installed  
in the Surry Units 1 and 2 boric acid transfer systems.

The enclosed Safety Evaluation provides the details and conclusion of our  
review.

For the relief that has been granted, we have determined that the ASME Code  
Section XI requirements are impractical and that the relief request is authorized  
by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and  
security and is otherwise in the public interest, giving due consideration to  
the burden upon the licensee that could result if the requirements were imposed  
on the facility.

**DISTRIBUTION**  
~~Docket File~~  
C. Patel  
NRC PDR D. Miller  
Local PDR ACRS (10)  
PAD#2 Rdg Tech Branch  
T. Novak Gray File  
OELD ORAS  
E. Jordan C. Miles, OPA  
B. Grimes T. Barnhart (8)  
J. Partlow L. Tremper, LFMB  
N. Thompson, DHFT H. Denton

8608260324 860819  
PDR ADOCK 05000280  
P PDR

Mr. W. L. Stewart

- 2 -

The request for relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. McDonald, Acting Director  
PWR Project Directorate #2  
Division of PWR Licensing-A  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:  
Safety Evaluation Report

cc: See next page

LA:PAD#2  
DM:ter  
6/16/86

CP:5  
PM:PAD#2  
CPatel:hc  
6/16/86

  
AD:PAD#2  
DMcDonald  
6/16/86

OE:8  
  
6/16/86