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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH FIRSTENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY REGARDING CURRENT STEAM GENERATOR INSPECTION RESULTS AT BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION (BVPS), UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. MB2914)

Dear Mr. Myers:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff participated in a conference call with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) on September 19, 2001, to discuss the results of the steam generator tube inspections that were being performed at BVPS-1. The NRC staff documented its request and suggested agenda for the telephone conference in a letter to FENOC dated September 14, 2001 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML012530154).

Topics discussed during the conference call consisted of: initial eddy current testing scope, scope expansion plans, indications identified to-date, repair/plugging plans, new inspection findings, in-situ pressure test plans and actions taken in response to lessons learned from the Indian Point 2 tube failure. The majority of the details discussed are contained in the enclosure, a written document provided by FENOC in support of the conference call.

At the time the call took place, FENOC had identified three indications in the low row U-bend region. FENOC stated that although only one of these indications met the criteria for in-situ pressure testing, they conservatively planned to in-situ pressure test all three indications. Following the completion of this conference call, FENOC notified the NRC that all indications tested passed the in-situ pressure test.

In addition, the staff discussed with FENOC the noise levels present in the eddy current data from the hot leg top-of-tubesheet inspection. FENOC stated that the noise levels from the previous eddy current inspection indicated that the noise levels were sufficiently low such that indications that could potentially grow to exceed structural or leakage limits would not be masked by the noise. In addition, FENOC stated that chemical cleaning was performed at the beginning of the current outage which markedly increased the clarity of eddy current signals, and dramatically decreased potential noise influence.

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Based on the information discussed during the call, the staff did not identify any issues requiring further discussion.

Sincerely,

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