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By letter dated September 17, 2001, the licensee submitted a revised request in the form of a relief request in order to apply the code case to CRDMs. TAC No. MB3001 was opened and a revised work request issued for NRC technical review. All subsequent review under TAC No. MB2506 is being reviewed under TAC No. MB3001.

Accordingly, TAC No. MB2506 is now considered closed.

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