

Docket No. 50-366

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Dear Mr. Hairston:

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Sincerely,

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Generic Letter 90-09, "Alternative Requirements for Snubber Visual Inspection Intervals and Corrective Actions," dated December 11, 1990, provides an alternate method for determining the next interval for the visual inspection of snubbers from that to which the plant was originally licensed. The original schedule for snubber visual inspection was based only on the number of inoperable snubbers found during the previous visual inspection, irrespective of the size of the snubber population. As a result, plants having a large number of snubbers found the original inspection schedule to be excessively restrictive. Significant resources, including subjecting plant personnel to unnecessary radiological exposure, were expended in order to comply with the visual inspection requirements. The alternate schedule provided by NRC Generic Letter 90-09 maintains the same confidence level as that to which the plant was originally licensed and generally allows for the performance of visual inspections and any corrective actions during plant outages. Incorporated herein as Table 4.7-2, "Snubber Visual Inspection Interval," the alternate inspection schedule is based upon the number of unacceptable snubbers found during the previous inspection in proportion to the size of various snubber populations or categories. Snubbers may be categorized, based upon their accessibility during power operation, as accessible or inaccessible. The categories may be inspected separately or jointly. However, categorization and inspection thereof must be made and documented prior to any inspection and that decision will constitute the basis for determining the next inspection interval for that category. A snubber is considered unacceptable if it fails to satisfy the acceptance criteria for the visual inspection. If review and evaluation can not justify continued operation with an unacceptable snubber, the snubber shall be declared inoperable and the applicable ACTION requirements shall be met. To determine the next inspection interval, the unacceptable snubber may be reclassified as acceptable if it can be demonstrated that the snubber is operable in its as-found condition by the performance of a functional test and if it satisfies the acceptance criteria for functional testing. The next inspection interval may be twice, the same, or reduced to as much as two-thirds of the previous inspection interval and is contingent upon the number of unacceptable snubbers found in proportion to the population or category for each type of snubber included in the previous inspection. While the original inspection schedule requirements established inspection intervals of 18 months (the length of a nominal fuel cycle) or a fraction thereof based on the number of inoperable snubbers of each type for the previous inspection period, the alternate method allows inspection intervals to be compatible with a 24-month fuel cycle. The interval may be increased to every other refueling outage for plants on a 24-month fuel cycle or up to 48 months for plants with other fuel cycles if few unacceptable snubbers are found from the previous inspection. Table 4.7-2 establishes limits for determining the next inspection interval and is consistent with the guidance provided in NRC Generic Letter 90-09.

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