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Dave,

As per our telephone conversation today, I would like to confirm that we discovered no instances of expected failures that would prevent closing the Equipment Hatch when required. In our proposed bases to the TS we submitted with the amendment request we stated that:

"Equipment hatch closure should occur as soon as practicable, and is normally assumed to occur, absent complications, in 2 hours."

We now realized that our wording has caused some confusion to the reviewers, and may also be confusing to users. Our intent with the statement "absent complications" was intended to convey that we can not predict random events or extremely unlikely failures. We will change our description in the bases to read:

"Equipment hatch closure should occur as soon as practicable, and is normally assumed to occur in 2 hours."

I will follow-up this email with a formal docketed letter within 2 weeks.

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