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Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2  
Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77  
NRC Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457

Subject: Retraction of Relief Request I2R-40, "Relief From Examination Percentage Requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI," Braidwood Station Interval 2 Inservice Inspection Program

- References:
- (1) Letter from J. D. von Suskil (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Braidwood Station Interval 2 Inservice Inspection Program: Relief Request I2R-40, 'Relief From Examination Percentage Requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI,'" dated October 9, 2001
  - (2) Letter from T. J. Tulon (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Braidwood Station Interval 2 Inservice Inspection Program: Relief Request I2R-39, 'Alternative to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Requirements for Class 1 and Class 2 Piping Welds,'" dated October 16, 2000
  - (3) Letter from U.S. NRC to O. D. Kingsley (Exelon Generation Company, LLC) "Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2- Interval 2 Inservice Inspection Program - Relief Request I2R-39, Alternative to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI Requirements for Class 1 and Class 2 Piping Welds (TAC Nos. MB0506 and MB0507)," dated February 20, 2002

Braidwood Station is retracting the request for NRC approval of Relief Request I2R40, "Relief from Examination Percentage Requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI," submitted to the NRC in Reference 1. Specifically, this proposed alternative sought relief from the minimum percentage of completed Class 1 and 2 piping weld inspections that could be credited in the first inservice inspection (ISI) period.

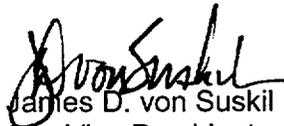
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In Reference 2, Braidwood Station submitted a request to utilize a risk-informed ISI program. The NRC approved this request in Reference 3; therefore, the relief proposed in Relief Request I2R40 is no longer needed.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this matter to Ms. Amy Ferko, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (815) 417-2699.

Respectfully,

  
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