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The staff reviewed the justification provided for the proposed changes. A Completion Time is the appropriate method for managing risk when equipment is made inoperable. Ideally, such a completion time would be risk-informed. We would be glad to review proposals that meet this guidance. This completes our review of TSTF-415.

Please contact Robert Dennig at (301) 415-1156 or e-mail rlid@nrc.gov if you have any questions or need further information on these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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