

November 19, 2002

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SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 - BULLETIN 2002-01, "REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION AND REACTOR COOLANT PRESSURE BOUNDARY INTEGRITY," 15-DAY RESPONSE (TAC NOS. MB4526 AND MB4527)

Dear Mr. Bezilla:

On March 18, 2002, the staff issued Bulletin 2002-01, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Degradation and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity," to the industry requesting that addressees provide information related to the structural integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary, including the reactor pressure vessel head, and the extent to which inspections have been undertaken to satisfy applicable regulatory requirements. Bulletin 2002-01 also required licensees to provide the basis for concluding that plans for future inspections of the reactor coolant pressure boundary will satisfy applicable regulatory requirements at their respective pressurized water reactor (PWR) plants. All addressees were requested to respond to Items 1.A. through E. within 15 days of the Bulletin's issuance, or to provide a written response to the NRC in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Section 50.54(f), of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 50.54(f)) if they are unable to provide the information or they can not meet the requested completion dates.

You provided your 15-day Bulletin response by letter dated April 1, 2002. By letter dated April 19, 2002, you provided a supplemental response for Beaver Valley, Unit No. 1. By letter dated May 10, 2002, you provided a response to an NRC staff request for additional information which had been provided to you on April 23, 2002. The staff finds that you have provided the requested information, and has concluded that your plants do not appear to have conditions similar to those which lead to the degradation at Davis-Besse.

M. Bezilla

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We will complete a full review of your response to Bulletin 2002-01 after we review your response to Items 2 and 3 of the Bulletin.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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