

December 17, 2002

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SUBJECT: KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - REVIEW OF LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST 189 TO REVISE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SECTION 4.6,
"PERIODIC TESTING OF EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM" (TAC NO. MB6883)

Dear Mr. Coutu:

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You previously requested the NRC staff's completion of your alternate source term submittal in 9 months, the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) submittal in 7 months, the fuel transition submittal in 7 months, and the GOTHIC 7 submittal in 5 months and 4 days. By letters dated August 16, 2002 (ADAMS Accession No. ML022250437), and October 15, 2002 (ADAMS Accession No. ML022740188), the NRC staff informed you that these proposed completion dates were aggressive and stated that the NRC staff faces significant challenges in balancing its work load, available resources, and budget constraints in order to achieve its performance goals. Accordingly, it is imperative that you plan your submittals to enable the NRC staff to perform its review in an efficient manner consistent with our performance goals and your schedule.

Sincerely,

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