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INFORMATION REGARDING RELAXATION OF CONTAINMENT
OPERABILITY REQUIREMENTS (TAC NO. MB5548)

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Docket No. 50-354

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING CONTAINMENT OPERABILITY REQUIREMENTS
HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1
DOCKET NO. 50-354

Question 1: In your January 18, 2003, submittal you provided the Control Room, Exclusion Area Boundary, and Low Population Zone post-LOCA calculated doses via the containment leakage path. Please explain the effect of the elimination of credit for the Filtration, Recirculation, and Ventilation System recirculation charcoal filters on these calculated doses.

Question 2: In your application you state that the reduction in ESF leakage from 10 gpm to 1 gpm is based on operating experience. Please explain why you are confident that this number is, and will remain, accurate.