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SUBJECT: DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 2 - REVIEW OF  
EMERGENCY LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST REGARDING ALTERNATE  
METHOD OF DETERMINING PROBABILITY OF DETECTION FOR STEAM  
GENERATOR TUBE INDICATION (TAC NO. MB7875)

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In your application, you requested that the staff issue the amendment on an emergency basis before DCPP Unit 2 restart from the current refueling outage. Based upon our review of your application, we have concluded that the proposed amendment is not needed prior to restart of the plant, and therefore, does not meet the emergency requirements of 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5).

Therefore, the license amendment application will be processed as a normal license amendment request. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-8439.

Sincerely,

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