

March 12, 2003

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RELATED TO RELIEF REQUEST NO. 7 DATED DECEMBER 6, 2002

NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

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1. The Nuclear Management Company's (NMC's) Certificate of Reconciliation references Section IWA-4230 which gives requirements for replacing internal threads in pressure-retaining items with helical coil inserts. Please modify the Certificate of Reconciliation to provide a separate section identifying the renumbered or reorganized sections of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (ASME Code).
2. Section IWA-4131.1(a) gives conditions when alternative requirements of IWA-4131.2 for Class 1 piping tubing (except heat exchanger tubing, and sleeves and plugs used for heat exchanger tubing), valves, and fittings may be used. Section IWA-4713 is grouped with this section in the Certificate of Reconciliation. Section IWA-4713 gives the requirements for heat exchanger tube plugging by expansion. Please move references to Sections IWA4711.4, IWA-4712, and IWA4721.1 in your Certificate of Reconciliation to the heat exchanger grouping and discuss the associated changes incorporated into the 2001 ASME Code.
3. Please provide a statement that NMC will comply with any modifications or changes incorporated into the 2001 edition of the ASME Code when the 2001 edition is incorporated into the rule.

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