

April 1, 2003

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INFORMATION REGARDING USE OF CODE CASE N-566-2
(TAC NO. MB7836)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

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In order that we may complete our review in a timely manner, we understand that you intend to submit your response to the enclosed request for additional information within 15 days of the date of this letter. If this is incorrect or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I can be reached at (301) 415-1494.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REGARDING USE OF CODE CASE N-566-2

HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 50-354

Question 1: The request does not address what actions would be taken in the event that the evaluation of Code Case N-566-2, paragraphs (a) or (b) determines that the relevant condition cannot be accepted for continuing operation. Please specify what actions would be taken in this event and the requirements directing those actions, e.g., code, procedures.

Question 2: The relief request does not address what subsequent inspections would be performed in the event that the evaluation of Code Case N-566-2, paragraphs (a) or (b) determines that the relevant condition can be accepted for continuing service. This is of particular interest for Code Class 2 and 3 components. Please specify what actions would be taken in this event and the requirements directing those actions, e.g., code, procedures.