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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, INC.
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE TO INCREASE SPENT FUEL POOL MAXIMUM
ENRICHMENT LIMIT WITH SOLUBLE BORON
CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1
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1. The licensee stated in its submittal that it has a coupon surveillance program to test the condition of the carborundum material exposed to the spent fuel pool (SFP) environment. Provide the following information on the program:
 - a. The SFP has non uniform radiation fields due to different distributions of fuel assemblies having different enrichments and different burnups. Also, axial power distribution in individual fuel rods is not uniform. Describe the locations chosen for the coupons relative to the fuel assemblies in order to make them exposed to the most conservative (highest) dose rates.
 - b. Describe what inspections were performed on the test coupons and how was the real density determined. Provide a brief summary of the results.
 - c. What were the acceptance criteria?
2. Besides the coupon surveillance program, do you perform any tests on the full-length panels in the fuel racks? If such tests have been performed, provide the following information:
 - a. Description of the test procedure.
 - b. How often are these tests performed?
 - c. Quantity of panels inspected during one inspection and the criteria used in selecting these panels.
 - d. Results of the tests performed on the panels.
3. Describe the mechanism by which carborundum neutron absorbing material in the fuel racks is degraded when exposed to the SPF environment.

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