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Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397;  
SCHEDULE FOR REQUESTING REVISION OF TECHNICAL  
SPECIFICATION P/T CURVES AND ADOPTION OF THE BWRVIP  
INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM**

Reference: **BWRVIP-86-A: BWR Vessel and Internals Project Updated BWR Integrated  
Surveillance Program (ISP) Implementation Plan**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding Energy Northwest's plans to submit a License Amendment Request (LAR) for Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) to replace the current plant-specific reactor vessel material surveillance program with the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP). A related submittal to revise the Pressure and Temperature (P/T) limit curves in Columbia's Technical Specifications is also planned.

Energy Northwest recently awarded a contract to General Electric Nuclear Energy to recalculate the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) fluence using an NRC approved methodology in accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.190, and to revise the current Pressure and Temperature (P/T) limit curves specified in Technical Specifications Limiting Condition for Operation 3.4.11. The recalculation of the RPV fluence will also support Columbia's LAR for adoption of the ISP. A schedule has been developed for completing the calculations and submitting the LARs for the revised P/T curves and adoption of the BWRVIP ISP.

Energy Northwest plans to submit the revised P/T curve LAR in June of 2004 requesting approval by early May of 2005 to support implementation during the R-17 refueling outage planned to commence in the same month. The LAR for adoption of the BWRVIP ISP will be submitted in October of 2004.

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If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please contact Ms. CL Perino, Licensing Manager at (509) 377-2075.

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