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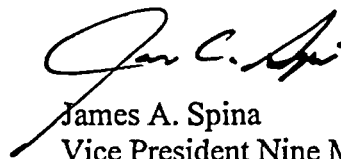
Generic Letter 2003-01, Control Room Habitability, Change in Regulatory
Commitment (TAC NO. MB9826)

Gentlemen:

On June 12, 2003, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 2003-01, "Control Room Habitability," requesting that all addressees submit information demonstrating that the control rooms at their facilities comply with current licensing and design bases and applicable regulatory requirements, and that suitable design, maintenance, and testing control measures are in place for maintaining this compliance. GL 2003-01 requested that the above information be forwarded within 180 days of the issuance date of the GL. Alternatively, for addressees who could not meet this schedule, GL 2003-01 requested a 60-day response describing the addressee's proposed alternative course of action, the basis for acceptability, and the schedule for completion. By letter dated August 11, 2003, Attachment 1, Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC, provided the 60-day response to the GL. Attachment 2 provided a list of all regulatory commitments contained in the correspondence, including a schedule for completion.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC of a change to a regulatory commitment delineated in our August 11, 2003, letter pertaining to Nine Mile Point Unit 2. Specifically, the commitment to perform a tracer gas test for each mode of ventilation system operation by March 31, 2004, will be revised to September 30, 2004. The bases for the change are provided in the Attachment to this letter.

Very truly yours,



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ATTACHMENT

GENERIC LETTER 2003-01, CONTROL ROOM HABITABILITY CHANGE IN REGULATORY COMMITMENT NINE MILE POINT UNIT 2

Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station's, LLC (NMPNS) response to Generic Letter 2003-01, "Control Room Habitability," was submitted by letter dated August 11, 2003. Attachment 1 to the letter provided our 60-day Generic Letter response while Attachment 2 provided the list of regulatory commitments made by NMPNS. Regulatory Commitments, Item No.1, stated that NMPNS would perform a tracer gas test for each mode of ventilation system operation by March 31, 2004, for both Nine Mile Point Unit 1 and Nine Mile Point Unit 2 (NMP2). Based on the following discussion, NMPNS is revising the due date of this commitment from March 31, 2004, to September 30, 2004, for NMP2.

Several factors were considered in arriving at the original commitment date of March 31, 2004. These included the time required to select a qualified vendor to perform the test, the performance of the initial design reviews and physical walkdowns, evaluation and preconditioning of the control room envelope (CRE), and the actual performance of the test. NMPNS also needed time to prepare a contingency plan with interim compensatory measures to be implemented if inleakage was found to exceed licensing and design bases values. In addition, the commitment date took into consideration the resources required to support the NMP2 refueling outage (RFO9) which began March 15, 2004.

In preparing to meet the March 31, 2004, commitment date, a vendor had been selected and was making preparations to perform the tracer gas test. NMPNS had conducted the initial design reviews and walkdowns and was in the process of evaluating pre-test repair activities to the CRE. As part of these activities, NMPNS recognized that CRE ventilation system flow adjustments should be conducted to balance the system. The proposed adjustments, however, would have rendered both subsystems of the Control Room Envelope Filtration System inoperable resulting in a Technical Specification (TS) required plant shutdown. TS 3.7.2, Control Room Envelope Filtration (CREF) System, requires that both CREF subsystems be operable in Modes 1, 2, and 3 and other specified conditions. To preclude a plant transient (i.e., shutdown), the required flow adjustments were rescheduled to RFO9 and the tracer gas test delayed until after the completion of RFO9.

Based on the above, NMPNS is revising our commitment to perform the NMP2 CRE tracer gas test for each mode of ventilation system operation from March 31, 2004, until September 30, 2004. The flow adjustments to the CRE ventilation system were rescheduled and the test vendor's availability has been confirmed and will support the proposed date. The Basis for Acceptability of Proposed Course of Action, provided in Attachment 1 to our August 11, 2003, letter remains applicable with the commitment date change. Regulatory Commitment dates for Item Nos. 2 and 3, contained in Attachment 2 to our August 11, 2003, letter are unchanged.