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Mr. Mike Tschiltz Chief, Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Tschiltz:

Enclosed for your information is NEI-04-05, "Living Program Guidance To Maintain Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection Programs for Nuclear Plant Piping Systems." This industry guidance document was developed to assist plants in meeting regulatory commitments to maintain risk-informed inservice inspection (ISI) programs over time. It includes discussion of factors that might influence the program, such as plant modifications, inspection results or changes to the plant probabilistic risk analysis, and provides example plant information.

This document is being distributed to industry for use. We are not requesting NRC review or approval of the document; however, if your staff has any questions relative to its content, we would be happy to discuss it further.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosure, please contact me or Biff Bradley.

Sincerely,

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