

November 5, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Daniel S. Collins, Acting Chief, Section 2
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DRAFT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REGARDING AMENDMENT REQUEST TO

UTILIZE ARTS/MELLLA OPERATING DOMAIN

HOPE CREEK GENERATING STATION

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By letter dated October 29, 2004, PSEG Nuclear, LLC (PSEG) submitted a letter seeking U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval to update the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel (ASME) Code, Section XI, Code of Reference for the Hope Creek Generating Station to the 1998 Edition with 2000 Addenda. The NRC has developed the following draft questions during its review of the application:

1. In accordance with *Federal Register* Notice 69 FR 58804, licensees using the 1998 Edition with 2000 Addenda of Section XI of the ASME Code are required, among other things, to comply with the following:
 - a) Paragraph IWA-4340 of the 2000 Addenda regarding mitigation of defects by “modification” will not be used.
 - b) The repair and replacement activity provisions in IWA-4540(c) of the 1998 Edition, Section XI for pressure testing Class 1, 2, and 3 mechanical joints will be applied when using the 1998 Edition through the 2000 Addenda of Section XI of the ASME Code.

Please confirm that these limitations will be complied with.