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Sincerely, /RA/ N. B. (Tommy) Le, Senior Project Manager License Renewal Section A License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (LRA) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI) RELATED TO: LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION SECTION AMP B2.1.33 - SYSTEM WALKDOWN PROGRAM

RAI B2.1.33-1

The applicant stated that this AMP B2.1.33, "System Walkdown Program," manages aging effects for accessible external surfaces of <u>selected</u> SSCs within the scope of license renewal (WSLR) at NMP. The applicant is requested to identify the systems and structures WSLR that this AMP is applicable for at NMP. It is not clear whether, in a certain system, all or just the samples of carbon steel components listed in the program are covered by this AMP. The applicant is requested to clarify the "<u>selected</u> SSCs" WSLR.

Furthermore, with respect to the program description paragraph of B2.1.33, the applicant is requested to clarify the definition of the phrase, "...other carbon steel components," and explain the reason why "mechanical penetrations" are excluded from a list of components mentioned in the program description.

RAI B2.1.33-2

In the Element "Parameters Monitored/Inspected," it is not clear what the "other signs of deterioration" are. The applicant is requested to describe those other aging effects and explain how to identify them.

RAI B2.1.33-3

In the Element "Acceptance Criteria," the applicant stated that a list of walkdown attributes is available to system engineers for use in developing walkdown checklists. This implies that the checklists are not available at this time. This is not adequate. The acceptance criteria of the program for the parameters monitored/inspected and its basis should be described. The CLB procedures and/or documents should be referenced. The applicant is requested to provide more detailed information, in accordance with the guidelines delineated in Appendix A of NUREG-1800, to describe the acceptance criteria for the program.

RAI B2.1.33-4

The program description of B2.1.33 states that the system walkdown program manages aging effects for accessible external surfaces of selected SSCs WSLR at NMP. Discuss the basic approaches and program(s) used by NMP to manage aging effects for inaccessible external surfaces of SSCs WSLR.

RAI B2.1-33-5

With respect to the "enhancements" section of B2.1.33, System Walkdown Program, provide additional information listed below:

Discuss the specific aging management attributes to be included under "Scope."

- Taking (a) "mechanical penetrations," if applicable, and (b) NSR piping, fittings, and equipment in the NMP1 Hydrogen Water Chemistry System as examples, elaborate on typical parameters to be monitored or inspected and discuss typical guidance for assessment of identified degradation to be included under "parameters monitored/inspected."
- Discuss typical items to be included in the "upgraded program documentation" under "Administrative Controls."
- For the same examples as indicated in Item (2) above, explain the contents of a methodology that specifies consistent criteria for program data collection under "Detection of Aging Effects."
- For the same examples as indicated in Item (2) above, explain the contents of acceptance criteria for visual inspections that will ensure intended function(s) are maintained under CLB design conditions.

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