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**NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (NMP1 and NMP2)
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (LRA)
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI)
RELATED TO:
Revised Table 3.1 - Aging Management of Reactor Vessel, Internals,
and Reactor Coolant Systems**

RAI T3.1-1

In LRA Tables 3.1.1A&B, items 3.1.1.A&B-26, the applicant credited the Inservice Inspection (ISI) IWB/C/D Program for bolting management. The GALL recommended the use of XI.M18, "Bolting Integrity Program," for managing of aging effects for safety-related bolts. The bolting integrity program described in XI.M18 relies on the NRC recommendations and guidelines for comprehensive bolting integrity programs that are delineated in NUREG-1339. The XI.M18 program also relies on the industry's technical basis for the program and guidelines for material selection and testing, bolting preload control, inservice inspection (ISI), use of lubricant and sealant, plant operation and maintenance, and evaluation of structural integrity of bolted joints, as outlined in EPRI NP-5679, with exception noted in NUREG-1339. The ISI program only addressed one task described in the Bolting Integrity program. Please provide information to explain how the remaining of all other tasks of the XI.M18 program are addressed by NMP1 and NMP2.

RAI T3.1-2

In Tables 3.1.1.A&B, 3.1.2.A&B of the LRA supplemental letter dated December 6, 2004, the applicant did not address aging effect of crack initiation and growth for closure bolting (see pages 3.1-26, -36, -54, -57, -88, and -94) due to cyclic loading and/or stress corrosion cracking (SCC), which is identified in GALL. Please provide information to explain why the aging effect of cracking was not addressed for the above item.

RAI T3.1-3

In Tables 3.2.1.A&B of the LRA supplemental letter dated December 6, 2004, the applicant stated that loss of material (due to general corrosion, crack initiation and growth, and cyclic loading and/or stress corrosion cracking (SCC)) is not applicable for closure bolting items 3.2.1.A&B-18. The applicant further stated that the above loss of material aging effect is not applicable to closure bolting in high-pressure or high temperature systems because NUREG-1801, Volume 2, stated that the causal mechanisms for loss of material include leaking fluid; whereas, the NMP environment for bolting does not assume leakage. The staff disagrees with NMP's assessment because operating experience from the industry indicated that leakage occurs. Please provide aging management for potential loss of material due to general corrosion, crack initiation and growth, and cyclic loading and/or stress corrosion cracking (SCC) for these closure bolting items.

This RAI also applies to closure bolting items identified in Sections 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 of the LRA. Please provide the applicable aging management accordingly.

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