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Subject: Nine Mile Point Offsite Power System (TAC MC5106, MC5107)

Peter,
Thanks for providing me the status of the NRC actions taken in response
to my above concern. I have no problem with any of my e-mails being
placed in the public domain.

I have read the licensee's response you referenced, (No. ML043280420),
and noted that with Line #1 out of service, they did not specifically
address the concern relating to the capacity and capability of Line #4
to provide the power required for a unit trip with LOCA at NMP1,
together with a safe shutdown of JAF and NMP2; (or vice versa, a unit
trip with a LOCA at JAF, together with a safe shutdown of NMP1 and
NMP2). It is my interpretation of ML043280420, that in order to satisfy
the requirements of GDC 5, the licensee appears to be relying on the
multiple sources of power provided by both Line #1 and Line #4, rather
than considering the worst case scenario with one line out of service.

It was also interesting to obtain an insight to the licensee's safety
culture through their contention that "GDC 17 became effective after
issuance of the construction permit for NMPI and, therefore, is not
part of the current licensing basis for NMPI". Unfortunately, if there
is an accident at the NMP/JAF complex, it is not going to recognize, or
be bounded by, the unique licensing and design basis established in the
1960s!!

Thanks again for the opportunity to make our nuclear plants safer.

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