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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO BAW-1543, REVISION 4, SUPPLEMENT 5,
SUPPLEMENT TO THE MASTER INTEGRATED
REACTOR VESSEL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM (MIRVP)

1. Appendix H to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50 (Appendix H to 10 CFR Part 50), Paragraph III.C, "Requirements for an Integrated Surveillance Program" allows licensees with plants that have similar design and operating features to implement an integrated surveillance program with the approval of the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) MIRVP was established in 1977 to provide a basis for sharing information between B&W designed and fabricated plants. In 1988, the MIRVP was expanded to include Westinghouse designed plants with B&W fabricated reactor vessels. In the introduction of BAW-1543, Revision 4, Supplement 5 (page 2) the licensee states that the Westinghouse-designed, B&W reactor vessel fabricated plant surveillance capsule withdrawal schedules are not MIRVP commitments, but merely reflect the current plans of these reactor vessel working group member plants.
 - a. If the Westinghouse designed plants' withdrawal schedules are not commitments, explain how each plant that participates in the MIRVP meets Appendix H requirements for an integrated surveillance program.
 - b. Explain how the MIRVP is incorporated into each individual plant's licensing basis (i.e. is the surveillance capsule withdrawal schedule in the Technical Specifications or the final safety analysis report?).
2. Due to recent reviews of license renewal applications, the staff has identified the need for license conditions with regard to reactor vessel surveillance programs for the period of extended operation. This license condition specifies that applicants will be required to submit any changes to surveillance capsule withdrawal schedules to the NRC for review and approval during the period of extended operation. For clarity, the staff requests that the applicant remove the following statement on page 3 of BAW-1543, Revision 4, Supplement 5: "The owners of plants that have been granted license renewal have made no commitments to test or use information from the capsules that continue to be irradiated under the MIRVP." Future applicants may wish to take credit for information obtained from the MIRVP as opposed to using plant specific information in order to meet the requirements of Appendix H to 10 CFR Part 50. If you conclude that the statement is relevant and should be maintained in the topical report, provide justification for this conclusion.

ATTACHMENT