

August 12, 2005

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: RELIEF REQUEST FROM THE
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Sincerely,

/RA by Adrian Muniz for/

Harold K. Chernoff, Sr. Project Manager, Section 1
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Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-266 AND 50-301

By letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated January 21, 2005, Nuclear Management Company, LLC, submitted a request for relief for Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), Units 1 and 2. Your submittal proposes relief from certain requirements of the 1998 Edition through the 2000 Addenda of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (ASME Code), Section XI, IWA-5244, Buried Components,” during the fourth interval in accordance with the provisions of Section 50.55a(a)(3)(ii) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

In order for the NRC staff to complete its review, responses to the following questions are requested.

1. The licensee stated that: “A review of previous PBNP pressures tests indicated that prior Inservice Inspection (ISI) intervals had not met Code requirements for performing pressure testing on buried portions of the main SW headers as required by IWA-5244 of the 1986 Edition of ASME Section XI.” Please explain in detail the tests that were performed in place of the required pressure tests and the actions taken as a result of not meeting the ASME Code, Section XI, requirements for the previous intervals.
2. The licensee stated that the piping is not susceptible to Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC) because of continuous high flow rate of water through the piping. Please identify the construction materials of the underground piping. State if either lining on the internal diameter or pipe wrapping on the outside diameter has been employed and the material used.

Enclosure