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**PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT (PNP)
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (LRA)
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Pressurizer Quench Tank

RAI 3.1.2-1(a)

In Table 3.1.2-1 (Page 3-40 of the LRA), two materials are listed for the pressurizer quench tank: epoxy-coated carbon steel and carbon steel (for the shell and heads). The latter material forms an external surface and is exposed to containment air. Consistent with the GALL Report, it is managed using the Boric Acid Corrosion Program.

According to the PNP FSAR, only the interior of the pressurizer quench tank is coated with epoxy, and the tank is blanketed with nitrogen. However, the PNP LRA identifies the environment to which the epoxy-coated steel is exposed as "containment air (ext.)."

Please confirm the nature of the environment(s) to which the epoxy-coated carbon steel is exposed. Also clarify the rationale for applying the system monitoring and One-Time Inspection Programs to manage loss of material from this location.

Enclosure