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Sincerely,

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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (LRA)
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI)

RAI 3.3.2.1.9-3

In License Renewal Application (LRA) Table 3.3.2-9 for fire systems, the Fire Protection Program has been credited to manage loss of material due to general, pitting, crevice, galvanic corrosion, and microbiologically influenced corrosion (MIC) for copper alloy filters and strainers, and gray cast iron in heat exchangers in a raw water environment. Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report Item VII.G.6-b is referenced, which evaluates filter, fire hydrant, mulsifier, pump casing, sprinkler, strainer, and valve bodies from a variety of materials including cast iron, bronze and copper. The GALL Report also recommends the Fire Water System Program for managing this aging effect. Note E has also been referenced for these line items in the LRA, which indicates a different aging management program, Fire Protection Program, is used. The discussion section of Table 3.3-1, Item 3.3.1-21 indicates that the Fire Protection Program is applied to non-water based fire protection systems, which appears to conflict with the line items in Table 3.3.2-9. Furthermore, the LRA does not identify in the program description how the Fire Protection Program will manage this aging effect in water based systems.

Please clarify how the Fire Protection Program will manage loss of material due to general, pitting, crevice, and galvanic corrosion in water based fire protection systems. If not, then provide the program that will manage this aging effect.

Enclosure