

November 23, 2005

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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1 - REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST (TAC NO. MC5547)

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The NRC staff is reviewing your submittal and has determined that additional information is required to complete the review. The specific information requested is addressed in the enclosure to this letter, and was forwarded to your staff on October 14, 2005. During a discussion with your staff, it was agreed that you would provide a response 120 days from the date of this letter.

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Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1

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In reviewing the licensee's January 5, 2005, request to revise Action 10 of Table 3.3-3, the NRC staff has determined that the following information is needed in order to complete its review:

1. Please note that the NRC staff approval of an indefinite bypass of an inoperable Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) reactor trip system (RTS) instrument string is based on both deterministic and risk information. This information is provided in the B&W owner's group response to various NRC staff concerns and core melt risk contributions for both 2-out-of-3 (the proposed configuration) and 2-out-of-4 (the license configuration), in B&WOG Topical Report BAW-10167A, Supplement No. 2, dated August 1992. Please provide the appropriate risk information needed to justify the licensee's request for approval of indefinite bypass of one instrument string of SFAS.
2. Attachment 1 of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company's (FENOC's) submittal provides qualitative statements regarding compliance to the listed licensing requirements to justify indefinite bypass of an inoperable safety features actuation system instrument string. Quantitative statements are only provided for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 308-1971 requirement. As such, FENOC's submittal addressed only one of the three NRC staff concerns identified in BAW-10167A, Supplement 2 (e.g., independence of power supplies). Information on independence of penetration and sensing lines is not addressed. No quantitative risk information is included in the submittal. Please provide the quantitative information regarding the two concerns related to IEEE 308-1971. Also provide the quantitative justification for the remaining items in Attachment 1 of the licensee's submittal.

Enclosure

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