

March 28, 2006

Holders of Licenses for
Pressurized-Water Reactors
Listed in Enclosure

SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE APPROACH FOR RESPONDING TO THE NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
LETTER RE: GENERIC LETTER 2004-02 (TAC NOS. SEE ENCLOSURE)

As you are aware, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has reviewed pressurized-water reactor (PWR) licensees' responses to Generic Letter (GL) 2004-02, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Recirculation during Design Basis Accidents at Pressurized-Water Reactors." As a result of these reviews, the NRC staff identified the need for additional information on several issues related to sump performance. In February of this year, the NRC staff provided a request for additional information (RAI) letter to individual licensees to support the staff's disposition and eventual closure of Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191, which concerns PWR sump performance. The NRC staff requested in its correspondence that licensees respond and provide the requested information within 60 days.

By letter to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) dated March 3, 2006 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML060650335), the NRC staff agreed to an alternative approach and timetable that licensees may use to address the subject matter of the RAIs. The NRC staff agreed to this alternative approach because it is consistent with the NRC's emphasis on early installation of modifications to address GSI-191. In addition, the NRC staff recognized that much of the information needed to address the RAI letter will not be available until ongoing testing activities are completed in the future.

The agreed alternative to the 60-day response is that for units completing their outage to incorporate strainer modifications in 2006 or earlier, information needed to fully address GL 2004-02 will be provided to the NRC by December 31, 2006. For units installing strainers after 2006, information needed to fully address GL 2004-02 will be provided to the NRC within 90 days of outage completion but not later than December 31, 2007. You may choose to use this alternative approach consistent with your strainer modification schedule, or you may choose to submit a response to the RAI letter as originally requested. The NRC staff encourages you to provide the information needed to fully address the GL at the earliest feasible date in order to provide for early resolution of any issues with the responses. Licensees who provide information later may find greater difficulty in reconciling any concerns the NRC staff may have with the strainer modification plans, including the potential for additional plant modifications.

Should you choose to provide a supplement to your GL 2004-02 response in lieu of directly responding to the RAI letter, your supplemental response should (1) update the information previously provided to the NRC, (2) describe the evaluation methodology that was used to address GSI-191 concerns, (3) provide evaluation results, and (4) address plant-specific details

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If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact your Project Manager or Mr. Jon Hopkins at (301) 415-3027.

Sincerely,

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Callaway Plant, Unit 1
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Units 1 & 2
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Unit 3
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License No. DPR-72

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Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-315 & 50-316
License Nos. DPR-58 & DPR-74

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-346
License No. NPF-3

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Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant,
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-275 & 50-323
License Nos. DPR-80 & DPR-82

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Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant
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License No. DPR-43

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William B. McGuire Nuclear Station,
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Virginia Electric and Power Company
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Docket Nos. 50-338 & 50-339
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Nuclear Management Company, LLC
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Docket No. 50-255
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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant,
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Docket Nos. 50-282 & 50-306
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Progress Energy
H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2
Docket No. 50-261
License No. DPR-23

Florida Power and Light Company
St. Lucie, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-335 & 50-389
License Nos. DPR-67 & NPF-16

PSEG Nuclear LLC-X15
Salem Nuclear Generating Station,
Units 1 & 2
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Southern California Edison Company
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South Texas Nuclear Operating Company
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Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1
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License No. DPR-50

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Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station,
Units 3 and 4
Docket Nos. 50-250 & 50-251
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Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-424 & 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68 & NPF-81

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License No. NPF-38

Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1
Tennessee Valley Authority
Docket No. 50-390
License No. NPF-90

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation
Wolf Creek Generating Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-482
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