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DRAFT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MILLSTONE POWER STATION, UNIT 3

POST MAINTENANCE/MODIFICATION SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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By letter dated March 28, 2006, Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC, the licensee) submitted a request for deleting redundant surveillance requirements (SRs) pertaining to post-maintenance/post-modification testing. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requests the following additional information to complete its review.

The licensee proposed to delete from the Technical Specifications the following post-maintenance SRs: SR 4.1.3.4.b, a portion of SR 4.5.2.g.1, and SR 4.5.2.h. The licensee claimed that the removal of these portions of the SRs is adequate by citing SR 4.0.1, which states in the associated Bases section, in part, that "upon completion of maintenance, appropriate post-maintenance testing is required to declare the equipment operable." However, neither SR 4.0.1 nor the associated Bases section specify what post-maintenance testing must be completed to fulfill the deleted SRs. For example, SR 4.1.3.4 requires that the rod drop time is demonstrated. SR 4.5.2.g requires verification of the correct position of each electrical and/or mechanical stop for emergency core cooling system throttle valves. SR 4.5.2.h requires that flow balance testing is performed on the charging pump lines, safety injection pump lines, and residual heat removal pump lines.

Identify specific post-maintenance testing requirements in the relevant maintenance procedure or documentation, and justify that the test requirements equivalent to the deleted SRs discussed above will be completed in accordance with SR 4.0.1.

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