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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING AMENDMENT APPLICATION
FOR CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS (TAC NOS. MC9475 AND
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Please contact me at (301) 415-2901 if you have any questions on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-247 and 50-286

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NOS. 2 AND 3
DOCKET NOS. 50-247 AND 50-286

In a letter dated December 27, 2005 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML060090293), Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy), submitted an application for a proposed amendment to the Technical Specifications (TSs) for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (IP2 and IP3) which would revise Section 5 on Administrative Controls. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is reviewing the submittal and requests the following additional information:

Entergy has requested to change the TS on the Explosive Gas and Storage Tank Radioactivity Monitoring Program (TS 5.5.10.c for IP2 and TS 5.5.11.c for IP3). The change would allow an increase in the quantity of radioactivity in outdoor tanks not surrounded by liners, dikes, or walls, to concentrations that are 10 times the values of 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, Table 2, Column 2, at the nearest potable water supply and the nearest surface water supply beyond the site boundary, in the event of an uncontrolled release of the tanks' contents. The justification is based on the Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) document TSTF-258. However, TSTF-258 applies to monitored liquid effluent releases, not to tanks. NUREG-1431, Rev. 3, Standard TSs, has the same wording as the current IP2 TS. The current wording supports the 10 CFR 50.36a criteria to keep releases to a small fraction of the public dose limit in the unlikely event of a tank failure resulting in an unmonitored release. Please justify how the revised wording would keep releases to a small fraction of the public dose limit.

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