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INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2005 STEAM GENERATOR TUBE
INSPECTIONS (TAC NO. MD0508)

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In order for the staff to complete its review of the information provided by the licensee, we request that TVA provide responses to the enclosed request for additional information (RAI). Based on discussions with your staff, we understand that you plan to respond to the enclosed RAI within 60 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions about this material, please contact me at (301) 415-1364.

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2

2005 STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INSPECTIONS

DOCKET NO. 50-328

1. Please discuss the scope and results of your foreign object search and retrieval. If any loose parts were left in the steam generator, please discuss whether any analyses were performed to confirm that tube integrity would not be compromised for the time interval between inspections. In addition, if the locations corresponding to any potential loose part indications (detected via eddy current inspection) could not be visually inspected, please discuss your basis for dispositioning these tubes (if they were not plugged/stabilized).
2. It was indicated that +Point™ examinations were performed on new indications of cold-leg thinning to confirm that the indication is not crack-like. Please discuss how you confirm that historic indications have not developed crack-like indications (e.g., do you perform rotating probe examinations on a sample of these indications to confirm the absence of cracking). Similarly discuss how you ensure that other volumetric indications (such as wear at anti-vibration bars) do not contain (or have not developed) crack-like indications.
3. Several tubes with axially oriented outside diameter stress corrosion cracking were preventively plugged due to the potential for extreme voltage growth. Please provide the bobbin and rotating probe voltages for these indications.
4. One tube was preventively plugged since it was not fully expanded into the tubesheet. Please discuss whether all tubes currently in service have nominally been expanded for the full depth of the hot-leg tubesheet.

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