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SUBJECT: PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT 1 - WITHDRAWAL OF RELIEF
REQUEST REGARDING INSERVICE INSPECTION OF REACTOR PRESSURE
VESSEL-RETAINING NOZZLE-TO-VESSEL WELDS AND INNER RADII
(TAC NO. MD3038)

Dear Mr. Pearce:

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The purpose of this letter is to advise that the above cited application is being treated as withdrawn. This completes the NRC staff's review of Relief Request IR-054 submittal under TAC No. MD3038.

Sincerely,

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