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2. Confirm that all components will be included in the total cumulative plant risk calculation.

The revised submittal appears to have revised proposed TS 3.13.2 such that only LCOs past the front stop would have to be assessed as part of the cumulative plant risk. When plant risk is assessed, all systems and equipments affecting risk should be included.

STP should notify the NRC, in writing, if it requires longer than 45 days to respond. If you have any questions please contact T.R. Tjader at 301-415-1187 or at trt@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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