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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNIT 2 - UPCOMING STEAM GENERATOR TUBE
INSERVICE INSPECTION (TAC NO. MD8409)

Dear Mr. Pardee:

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1. Number and extent of tubes inspected
2. Location and percent of wall-thickness penetration for each indication of an imperfection
3. Identification of tubes plugged and/or repaired

A conference call has been arranged with members of your staff to discuss the ongoing results of the SG tube inspections to be conducted during the upcoming Braidwood Station, Unit 2, refueling outage. This call will occur after the majority of the tubes have been inspected, but before the SG inspection activities have been completed. Enclosed is a list of discussion points to facilitate this call.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will document a brief summary of the conference call, as well as any material that you may have provided to the NRC staff in support of the call.

Sincerely,

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STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INSPECTION DISCUSSION POINTS

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

BRAIDWOOD STATION, UNIT 2

DOCKET NO. 457

The following discussion points have been prepared by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to facilitate the conference call arranged with the licensee to discuss the results of the steam generator (SG) tube inservice inspections to be conducted during the upcoming Braidwood Station, Unit 2, refueling outage. This call is scheduled to occur towards the end of the planned SG tube inspection interval, but before the unit completes the inspections and repairs.

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1. Discuss any trends in the amount of primary-to-secondary leakage observed during the recently completed cycle.
2. Discuss whether any secondary side pressure tests were performed during the outage and the associated results.
3. Discuss any exceptions taken to the industry guidelines.
4. For each steam generator, provide a description of the inspections performed including the areas examined and the probes used (e.g., dents/dings, sleeves, expansion-transition), the scope of the inspection (e.g., 100 percent of dents/dings greater than 5 volts and a 20 percent sample between 2 and 5 volts), and the expansion criteria.
5. For each area examined (e.g., tube supports, dent/dings, sleeves, etc), provide a summary of the number of indications identified to date of each degradation mode (e.g., number of circumferential primary water stress corrosion cracking indications at the expansion transition). For the most significant indications in each area, provide an estimate of the severity of the indication (e.g., provide the voltage, depth, and length of the indication). In particular, address whether tube integrity (structural and accident induced leakage integrity) was maintained during the previous operating cycle. In addition, discuss whether any location exhibited a degradation mode that had not previously been observed at this location at this unit (e.g., observed circumferential primary water stress corrosion cracking at the expansion transition for the first time at this unit).
6. Describe repair/plugging plans.
7. Describe in-situ pressure test and tube pull plans and results (as applicable and if available).
8. Provide the schedule for steam generator-related activities during the remainder of the current outage.

9. Discuss the following regarding loose parts:
 - what inspections are performed to detect loose parts,
 - a description of any loose parts detected and their location within the SG,
 - whether the loose parts were removed from the SG,
 - indications of tube damage associated with the loose parts, and
 - the source or nature of the loose parts if known.
10. Discuss any unexpected or unusual results.
11. Discuss the results of any secondary side inspections.