

December 21, 2010

Dr. Said Abdel-Khalik, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: DRAFT FINAL REVISIONS TO GENERIC LICENSE RENEWAL GUIDANCE
DOCUMENTS

Dear Dr. Abdel-Khalik:

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 2010, in which the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) reviewed and commented on the draft final Revision 2 of NUREG-1800, "Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants," and NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report." ACRS recommended that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) should issue the draft final revisions to the generic license renewal guidance documents and that the NRC staff should continue to evaluate the need for revisions to the guidance documents to maintain them current.

The staff has issued the revised NUREG-1800 and NUREG-1801 on December 16, 2010. As committed in the ACRS meeting, the NRC staff has augmented the aging management program for small-bore piping to include quantitative sampling criteria in response to questions raised by ACRS.

We will continue to evaluate the need for revisions to the license renewal guidance documents and will update them as needed. The license renewal interim staff guidance process provides a mechanism for updating the license renewal guidance documents until the next time the NRC revises the guidance documents in their entirety.

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