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Docket No. 50-305

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Dear Mr. Hintz:

By letters dated December 18, 1985, July 25, 1986 and September 22, 1986, we granted interim relief for your Inservice Test Programs for Kewaunee until March 31, 1987. However, we have not yet completed our review of the second 10-year Inservice Test Program and our review will not be completed until some time after the interim relief date of March 31, 1987. Our preliminary review of your Inservice Test Program, submitted by letter dated March 30, 1984, makes clear to us that your proposed program to implement those ASME Code requirements that you have found to be practical would increase the scope of inservice testing for your facility beyond that currently required by your Technical Specifications. We have concluded that this upgrading of your inservice testing program will further enhance safety.

Based on our preliminary review, we agree with the determination that it is impractical within the limitations of design, geometry and materials of construction of components, for you to meet certain of the specified ASME Code requirements for specific components for which you have requested relief, and that imposition of those requirements would result in hardships or unusual difficulties without a compensating increase in the level of quality or safety. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i), we hereby extend relief until the staff has completed its detailed review from those inservice testing requirements of the ASME Code for the specific components that you have requested. Moreover, since the scope of the inservice testing will be increased by your proposed program, and the granting of this relief is based only on the impracticality of selected ASME Code requirements, we have determined that the relief granted neither increases the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered, nor decreases safety margins; therefore, it does not involve a significant hazards consideration. You should continue your proposed program (except where your current Technical Specifications are more restrictive). By letter dated January 22, 1985, we previously authorized you to implement your proposed program.

During the period between now and the date we complete our detailed review of your submittal, you must comply with both your existing Technical Specifications and your proposed inservice testing program.

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In the event conflicting requirements arise for some components you must comply with the more restrictive requirements (e.g., shorter inspection intervals, increased number of parameters measured). In other words, the granting of this relief from ASME Code requirements should not be interpreted to give you relief from any of the requirements in your existing Technical Specifications.


When our detailed review of your submittals is complete, we will (1) issue final approval of your program (which may contain modifications resulting from the staff's review), and (2) grant relief from any ASME Code requirements that are determined to be impractical for your facility for the duration of the inspection interval. This review is being conducted under our TAC Number 54739.

Sincerely,



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