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Subject: FitzPatrick - ME6686 - Draft RAIs from CPTB Re: Relief Requests VRR-07

SUBJECT: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAFNPP) –REQUESTED LICENSING ACTION RE: Relief Requests VRR-07 and VRR-08 (TAC Nos. ME6686 and ME6687)

Contrary to the previous e-mail regarding the above Relief Requests, dated September 8, 2011, the NRC staff has determined that additional information is required to complete the review of relief Request VRR-07.

The Draft Request for Additional Information (RAI) is provided below:

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI)
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC
JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
RELIEF REQUEST VRR-07
DOCKET NUMBER 50-333
(TAC No. ME6686)**

Reference:

Letter from Eugene Dorman of Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc to NRC, "Proposed Relief Request Nos. VRR-07 and VRR-08 for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant Fourth Interval In-Service Testing Program," dated July 7, 2011.

RAI VRR-07-1

In the Reference noted above, it was stated that, "Program guidance will be established such that if any of the valves fail either the CIV (containment isolation valve) test or PIV (pressure isolation valve) test, the test interval for both tests will be reduced to once every 30 months until they can be re-classified as good performers per the performance evaluation requirements of Appendix J, Option B." Please explain and provide a basis why the PIV test interval would only be reduced to once every 30 months instead of the initial interval of once every two years as required by the ASME OM Code, following a PIV test failure.

Please contact me ASAP, to schedule a telephone conference call between the NRC staff and the licensee staff, to ensure that the RAI is clear to the licensee, and also, to obtain the firm commitment from the licensee for the supplemental submission with full and complete response to the RAI.

Thanks,

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