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Subject:

Reply to Notice of Violation 70-3103/2011-004 Supplement

Reference:

LES letter LES-11-00176-NRC, Reply to Notice of Violation 70-

3103/2011-004, Dated December 2, 2011.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC staff that in LES letter LES-11-00176-NRC Reply to Notice of Violation 70-3103/2011-004, Dated December 2, 2011, for Violation A Example 2 Action 3 for Corrective Steps That Will be Taken, UUSA identified that work plans would be generated to verify turnbuckle tightness for Cascades 1.1 through 1.8.

Due to the transition from IROFS41 to IROFSC23 for the Cascades the action scheduled for January 31, 2012 was not performed. Condition report 2012-2937 was written to evaluate the failure to complete the action as specified in the NOV response. Cascades 1.1 through 1.8 are currently in operation.

The transition to IROFSC23 for Cascades 1.1 through 1.7 will be completed in early 2013. Due to the near term transition to IROFSC23, the risks associated with performing this inspection on operating cascades at this time is not warranted at this time. Further more, there have been no identified issues related to turnbuckle tightness. The condition for which the Notice of Violation was written was identified in Assay 2 which was not in operation at the time the NRC inspector identified the turnbuckle condition. Work packages and associated procedures were revised for Assay 2 to help assure proper tension for the turnbuckles. Therefore, performance of the Cascades 1.1 through 1.8 turnbuckle inspection activity is not considered necessary at this time and not intended to be performed.

Should there be any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Timothy Knowles, UUSA Licensing and Performance Assessment Manager, at 575.394.6212.

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