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FACILITY: Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station

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FENOC had an opportunity to comment on this summary.

Sincerely,

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Response to RAI B.2.4-1b dated March 14, 2013

Discussion: The purpose of the telephone conference call was to continue the discussion from a telephone conference call held on April 11, 2013, regarding FENOC's response to RAI B.2.4-1b related to high-strength structural bolting submitted by letter dated March 14, 2013, specifically to address high strength bolting in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI – IWF Program.

FENOC requested clarification from the staff associated with the resolution to industry comment 906 in NUREG-1950, "Disposition of Public Comments and Technical Bases for Changes in the License Renewal Guidance Documents NUREG-1801 and NUREG-1800," dated April 2011 regarding inspection of A325 and A490 bolting and the susceptibility of that bolting to stress corrosion cracking (SCC) in IWF applications when the same bolting in structural applications managed by the Structures Monitoring Program is not susceptible to SCC.

The staff stated that Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) document NP-5769, "Degradation and Failure of Bolting in Nuclear Power Plants," documented operating experience showing SCC occurring in high-strength (i.e., measured yield strength greater than 150 ksi) A325 and A490 bolting used for component supports. The staff also stated that this operating experience provided the basis for the changes made to the ASME Section XI, Subsection IWF Program in NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report," and this approach is consistent throughout the GALL Report. The staff further stated that the ASME Section XI, Subsection IWF Program recommends volumetric examinations for high-strength A325 and A490 bolting in IWF applications, but these volumetric examinations may be waived with adequate plant-specific justification.

FENOC stated that they have performed an extensive search for high-strength bolts in IWF applications, and provided the following summary of the findings and operating experience:

- identified A325, A490 and A540 bolts greater than 1-inch in IWF applications
- assumed the bolts are greater than 150 ksi since it cannot find all the certified material test reports
- performed over 180 volumetric examinations of A540 bolting on the reactor head closure studs
- performed numerous VT-3 examinations of ASTM A540 reactor head closure stud bolts
- documented extensive operating experience using ASME code visual examination techniques which shows no failures of ASTM A540 bolts greater than 1-inch bolting.

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The staff stated that it needs to consider whether volumetric examinations of reactor head closure studs can be considered adequate plant-specific operating experience to justify excluding volumetric inspections of high-strength A325 and A490 bolting greater than 1-inch. The staff also stated that VT-3 examinations are not sufficient to detect SCC, which is why the GALL Report recommends volumetric examinations.

The staff stated that it needs to discuss the topic further internally and will reconvene at a later date to discuss the topic further with FENOC.

There was no further discussion, and the call was concluded.

Action: The staff will support a follow-up telephone conference call.