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REVIEW (TAC NO. L24929)

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The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to complete its detailed review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements, and the protection of public health and safety, and the environment. We have established a schedule for this review which allows for the staff to issue a request for additional information (RAI) in September 2014, and to issue its safety evaluation report (SER) in February 2015. If no RAI is needed, the staff's SER may be completed earlier.

Please reference Docket No. 72-10 and TAC No. L24929 in future correspondence related to this licensing action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 287-9225.

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