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SUBJECT: EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (TAC NOS. MF5579 AND MF5580)

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The NRC staff has reviewed the LAR and has determined that additional information is necessary as set forth in the Enclosure. Please provide a schedule for submittal of your response to these questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Martin".

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos.: 50-321, 50-366

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1. An acceptable surveillance must include allowance for gas accumulation until the next surveillance is scheduled. How is this requirement satisfied by the following:
 - a. Satisfactorily operating a system or subsystem such as a residual heat removal shutdown cooling subsystem?
 - b. Monitoring Reactor Core Isolation Cooling pump suction pressure?
 - c. Use of a procedure designed to initially ensure that piping is adequately filled and vented?
2. Please describe the monitoring of other system parameters that could identify a change that could introduce gas into piping between surveillance intervals.
3. What are representative surveillance frequencies that exist under the Surveillance Frequency Control Program that differ from the TSTF-523 example of 31 days and what is the basis for those changes?

Enclosure

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