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of Control Rod Drive Mechanism Nozzle and Other
Vessel Closure Head Penetrations

Generic Letter (GL) 97-01, "Degradation of Control Rod Drive Mechanism Nozzle and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations," dated April 1, 1997, requested licensees to describe their program for ensuring the timely inspection of PWR control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) and other vessel closure head penetrations. This information is needed by the staff to verify compliance with 10 CFR 50.55a and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A, GDC 14, and to determine whether an augmented inspection program, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii), is required.

Additionally, the GL required that within 30 days utilities submit a written response indicating whether or not the requested actions will be completed, whether or not requested information will be submitted within the requested time period and discussion of any alternative actions.

Duke Power plans to complete the requested actions and submit the requested information within the requested time period.

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