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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Relief Request Number RR 4-22 – Proposed
Alternative, Use of Alternate ASME Code Case N-770-1 Baseline
Examination

Palisades Nuclear Plant
Docket 50-255
Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-20

- REFERENCES:
1. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. letter, PNP 2015-043, *Relief Request Number RR 4-22 – Proposed Alternative, Use of Alternate ASME Code Case N-770-1 Baseline Examination*, dated July 7, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15190A262).
 2. Nuclear Regulatory Commission letter, *Palisades Nuclear Plant – Supplemental Information Needed for Acceptance of Relief Request Number RR 4-22 – Proposed Alternative, Use of Alternate ASME Code Case N-770-1 Baseline Examination (TAC No. MF6448)*, dated July 23, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15203A043).
 3. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. letter, PNP 2015-059, *Response to Request for Supplemental Information for Relief Request Number RR 4-22 – Proposed Alternative, Use of Alternate ASME Code Case N-770-1 Baseline Examination (TAC No. MF6448)*, dated July 31, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15219A587).
 4. NRC electronic mail, *Request for Additional Information Regarding RR 4-22 (MF6448)*, dated September 10, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15254A204).

5. Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. letter, PNP 2015-073, *Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Relief Request Number RR 4-22 - Proposed Alternative, Use of Alternate ASME Code Case N-770-1 Baseline Examination*, dated September 17, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15260A369).

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Reference 1, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENO) submitted to the NRC a request for relief for a proposed alternative for the Palisades Nuclear Plant (PNP). This relief request was associated with the use of an alternative to the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Code Case N-770-1, as conditioned by 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F)(1) and 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F)(3). The relief request proposed deferring required volumetric examinations of primary coolant system branch connection dissimilar metal welds until the 2017 refueling outage.

In Reference 2, the NRC requested supplemental information needed for acceptance review of the relief request. In Reference 3, ENO provided the requested supplemental information. In Reference 4, the NRC issued a request for additional information (RAI). In Reference 5, ENO provided the requested supplemental information.

The volumetric examinations of primary coolant system branch connection dissimilar metal welds were conducted during the ongoing 2015 refueling outage.

Therefore, ENO hereby withdraws the proposed alternative described in Relief Request RR 4-22 (Reference 1) and as supplemented in References 3 and 5. In

This letter contains no new commitments and no revised commitments.

Sincerely,



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cc: Administrator, Region III, USNRC
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