

April 25, 1995

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Dear Mr. Parrish:

SUBJECT: REUSE OF CHANNEL BOXES FOR THE WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2 (TAC NO. M91068)

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The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's letter and finds that it satisfactorily addresses the issues discussed in NRCB 90-02 for Cycle 11. The NRC staff's safety evaluation is provided in the enclosure. The NRC staff has also determined that the licensee should evaluate future reuse of channel boxes under 10 CFR 50.59. Following this regulation, prior NRC review and approval is only necessary if the reuse involves an unreviewed safety question or a change to the WNP-2 technical specifications.

This completes NRC staff action on TAC No. M91068. Please contact me at (301) 415-1352 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-397

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