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EXTENSION REQUEST -- RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST
RELATED TO ~~GENERIC LETTER~~ 96-02

Bulletin 96-02

Dear Mr. Le:

In a letter dated December 5, 1996, the NRC staff requested CP&L provide an evaluation of the Harris Nuclear Plant (HNP) crane design, load path, and cask loading and unloading processes to determine applicability of a potential cask drop scenario while the reactor is at power. The accident scenario described in the December 5, 1996 letter involves the potential for dropping a loaded spent fuel cask during in-plant movement when the cask lid is not fully secured to the cask.

CP&L evaluated this potential cask drop scenario for applicability to HNP, but discovered late in the evaluation process that the basis for a preliminary determination could not be conclusively validated. As a result, additional evaluation is required to determine the applicability of this potential cask drop scenario to HNP.

CP&L requests an additional 30 days to complete this evaluation to provide the requested information for HNP by March 14, 1997.

Please refer any questions regarding this subject to Ms. D. B. Alexander at (919) 362-3190.

Sincerely,

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